**Senior Resources Committee Minutes of the Monthly Meeting July 7, 2026 5:15 PM**

Location of Meeting:

Sunnycrest Conference Room

268 Mammoth Rd B Londonderry, NH

**Present at meeting:**

**Members**: Sherry Farrell, Chair; Meridel Allen, Vice-Chair, Kelly McShane, Secretary; John Wilson, Elizabeth Robertson, Lois Dziergowski, and Tom Walker

**Alternate Members:** Maryann Ryan and Laurie Miller

**Liaisons**: Ilona Arndt, Senior Center, Tim Porter, School Board

1. Call to Order

   The regular meeting of the Senior Resources Committee was called to order at 5:18 pm on July 7th motioned by Sherry and seconded by Meridel

2. Attendance and Verification of Quorum
3. Review and Acceptance, Minutes, June 2, 2026
   a. Motioned by Meridel and seconded by Maryann.
   b. Kelly mentioned she will be absent for the next meeting and will need someone to record notes.
4. Warrant 22 Subcommittee Update

   Subcommittee members: John WIlson, Meridel Allen, and Maryann Ryan

   Discussion of Meeting with Town Manager

   Preparation for July 20, Town Council Presentation

   a. The committee reviewed the handout created by the subcommittee's research this far. Meridel walked the committee through what CART is, the Warrant Article that was passed and what we need to present to the Town Council to move forward with expanding CART services.
   b. Discussion points of note included:
      i. The 50/50 Federal match for CART funding.
      ii. The subcommittee is waiting on data from CART about services rendered and not rendered due to current service agreements.
      iii. The subcommittee's goal is to hear from the residents of Londonderry about how important expanded CART services are. Maryann is organizing

a few video segments to bring to the Town Council to show the human aspect of the importance of expanding CART.

iv. Single person households with seniors in Londonderry has doubled in the past decade from 430 to 837
v. The percentage of Londonderry residents living with disabilities has risen from 7% to 12% from 2012 to 2023.
vi. Maryann described how residents are surprised that services have not already expanded since the article passed. They are wondering what is the hold up.
vii. Maryann submitted to the committee a list of important senior activities and resources that are only accessible on Saturdays which is not currently offered by CART.
viii. John and Sherry voiced the importance of adding how this would benefit Veterans.
ix. Meridel made clear that CART services are curb to curb meaning they cannot help folks in and out of their homes.
x. Sherry mentioned how this helps younger folks who have lost their license or cannot afford a car that need transportation to work.
xi. Meridel noted another benefit is that this is a line item off of the town's general budget.
xii. John mentioned that we need to keep the remaining funds not used for CART in mind. John voiced the importance of keeping a 3 month reserve for CART services.
xiii. Meridel voiced that the other funding can be used for sidewalks, trails and maybe even a bus route in the future.
xiv. Maryann noted that expanded CART services also help with traffic concerns in town.
xv. Laurie suggested reaching out to Community Caregivers. They will be able to let us know what demand is for their services and what needs they see in the community.

c. The subcommittee would like all committee members to think about what else should be included in the presentation for Town Council and to please attend the meeting on July 20 if possible.

5. Jim Green Award Update Kelly- Website Information/Application

a. The Jim Green Award Nomination form is now on the website. It is listed on the Senior Resource Committee Page.
b. We can promote this at the Volunteer Luncheon and Old Home Day
c. Sherry said that Tanya will do an email blast for us to promote the award
d. Ilona said she can put it on the Facebook page.

6. Discussion of Old Home Day Booth, Saturday August 15, 2026. Sign Up Sheet for Coverage, Supplies, Information on Jim Green Award and Senior Expo. Phil, File of Life magnets to hand out, Grange Support.

a. John suggested an idea of a cooling station or bubble station.
b. Sherry said the tent is currently not found but she is confident it will be and/or that we will have one to use.
c. A sign up sheet for tent coverage was distributed.

7. Senior Expo, October 3. Update from Illona

a. Ilona announced that 26 vendors have confirmed attendance. She has collected $300 so far and has another $200 coming. For Profit vendors have not been turned away by the fees. Ilona has actually received feedback that the fee is cheap.
b. Ilona handed out remaining vendors to reach out to. All committee members took some pages.
c. For the Volunteer Luncheon, Meridel and Elizabeth volunteered to help. Ilona will pick up food at 10:30am. The luncheon will be at 12:00pm.
    i. The luncheon will have a speaker from Bone Builders and entertainment.

8. Liaison Reports

a. Tim Porter, School Board, updated the committee on the groundbreaking, construction and potentially the addition of solar panels. Tim mentioned that the award nights and graduations all went very well.

9. The next meeting will be held at 5:15 PM on August 4, 2026 in:

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Londonderry, NH

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows: Sherry will send the agenda for the next meeting.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM by Meridel and seconded by Laurie.

Minutes Recorded by Kelly McShane