Senior Resources Committee Minutes of the Monthly Meeting September 1, 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; Valerie Brauer, Lois Dziergowski, Elizabeth Robertson, Tom Walker, John Wilson

Alternate Members: Maryann Ryan

Liaisons: Tim Porter - School Board, Ilona Arndt - Senior Center; Debbie Desrochers – Town Hall Liaison

1. Call to Order

   The regular meeting of the Senior Resources Committee was called to order at 5:18 pm on September 1st motioned by Valerie and seconded by Meridel.

2. Attendance and Verification of Quorum
3. Review and Acceptance of Minutes
   a. Both August and September minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting on September 29. Meridel motioned this and John seconded.
   b. Maryann wanted to point out that a statement she made in a previous meeting was misrepresented in an edition of the Londonderry Times. Maryann would like to note that she did not mean to suggest that seniors should not leave voicemails.
4. Review of Old Home Day Booth, Saturday, August 15, 2026- Sign Up Sheet, announcing additional CART extended hours, Jim Green award.
   a. Sherry mentioned that the sign up sheet went very well. Sherry thanked everyone for their contributions regarding giveaways.
   b. At Old Home Days the committee was able to have a lot of great conversations regarding CART and Senior Expo.
   c. Valerie noted that the location of the booth was great.
   d. A sub-committee was formed for the Jim Green nomination. Sub-committee members are Deb, Lois, Meridel, Tom and Sherry. They will meet on Friday, September 18 to review nominees. This will leave enough time to put the name on the plaque before the expo.
   e. Ilona mentioned that the trolley is already booked for next year.
5. Update from our Transportation Sub-Committee on CART extended hours, starting today September 1.

a. A huge thank you and applause to the subcommittee's hard work in getting CART extended hours up and running today.
b. Flyers have been distributed around town. John noted that businesses seem to respond well to the larger flyer.
c. The flyer(s) do need a few corrections but overall have helped to spread the word.
d. The committee discussed getting the word out that the service can benefit more than just seniors. It can even help folks get to and from work.
e. The committee decided to focus on seniors for now and continue to get the word out as they can.
f. Maryann mentioned that if we see posters in stores, we should thank them for displaying it.
g. Meridel mentioned having extended CART hours flyer on local access TV. Sherry said she would ask for the flyer to stay up.

6. Senior Expo, October 3rd, Update Ilona Signups
    a. Iiona said that 66 tables are confirmed with an income of $1,450. Ilona expects between 70-80 tables total. Four churches will be joining this year.
    b. There was a discussion about layout with so many tables. Ultimately, Ilona will discuss with Patrick.
    c. We will offer coffee, muffins and donuts again. We will ask Patrick if he can reach out to Dunkin'. We can help to compensate for this with collected funds.
    d. We will ensure there are chairs scattered throughout to sit.
    e. The committee decided to not have food trucks this year as it is fair season and we would like to keep it simple.
    f. Sherry will reach out to Harrington Flowers about decorating the greeting table.
    g. Sherry will reach out to Katie Sullivan to see if students can once again help with counting and helping vendors unload materials.
    h. Sherry will discuss with CART if we can have access to the Gater for the event to help seniors to and from cars.
    i. After a long discussion on raffle baskets, the committee will do what we did last year and revisit best practices after the expo.
    j. Kelly will bring counting clicker for expo.
    k. John mentioned a vendor summit. This meeting would be too large for us to take on. Vendors are encouraged to network at the expo or reach out to the Chamber of Commerce.
    l. Deb mentioned bringing wheelchairs to the expo. Sherry said that in a pinch we can call the fire department.
    m. Maryann mentioned that folks can use CART's extended hours to come to the expo .
7. Liaison Reports
    a. Tim Porter updated the committee that school has begun. All is going very well. Due to full day kindergarten, the enrollment is up from 212 last year to 274 this year. Also, construction for the central office is ahead of schedule and going very well.

    b. Deb let us know that the library will officially re-open on September 10.
8. Next Meeting October 6th; discussion to move next meeting to September 29 in preparation for Senior Expo.
    a. The committee was all in favor of this idea.
    b. We will discuss moving the November 3 date as it is the same day as election day.
9. New Business
    a. Sherry mentioned that a bus will once again bring folks to voting from the senior center at 9am and 12pm.
10. The next meeting will be held at 5:15 PM on September 29, 2026 in:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM by Tom and seconded by Meridel.

Minutes Recorded by Kelly McShane