

Heritage Heights Residents Association Meeting DRAFT
April 9, 2025 TAD'S Place 2:00 PM

WELCOME: Bev McGuire welcomed everyone to our meeting.

INVOCATION: Kimberly Wootan read from "Mysteries, Yes" by Mary Oliver

SECRETARY'S REPORT Betsey Patten announced that the meeting is being recorded. Drinelle Michaud moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025. Diana Maffucci seconded.
MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marty Graves stated the beginning Balance on March 1 was \$4582.87 Total Expenditures for month of March were \$156.33. Remaining Balance is \$4426.54. The report was accepted. The complete report is located in the Executive Council display case, south corridor, Barrows.

SUMMER TRIPS, Sue Edge reviewed the upcoming Summer Day Trips.

2 night trips – Spring trip Boothbay Harbor, Maine and Fall Trip TBD.

Wednesday trips – June 4 – Coastal Tour, Hampton Beach

July 16 – Museum of Fine Arts

Winnepesaukee Playhouse – June 17 – "Wedding Singer"

August 12 – "Once on this Island"

New London Barn Playhouse - July 9 "Sister Act"

August 27 – "The Cottage"

Hiking Club Hosting - July 30 Mount Washington Cog Railway

August 20 - Lost River

Possible Pre-pay Trips – June 11 Cathedral of the Pines

June 25 – Sunapee Harbor

July 23 – Seacoast Science Center

August 6 – Cape Ann Lighthouse Cruise

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTS: Elise Carter introduced the following:

Michael and May Anne Byrne - Hopkinton; 46D/ Area 6; Carolann Wais Sponsor

Wendy Solomon - Pembroke; 46C/Area 6; Maryjane Krepper, Sponsor

David Tucker and Carol Ehmling - Epsom; 46A/Area 6; Rich and Myla Crouse, Sponsors

Jeff Plant - Cornish; 45D/Area 6; Don Hayes, Sponsor

Linda Baines - Bow; 45D/Area 6; Drinelle Michaud, Sponsor

Malcolm (Tink) and Frances (Fran) Taylor - Holderness, 41C/Area 5; Malia Till, Sponsor

Jay and Jude Godfrey - Pembroke; 41E/Area 5; Carol Downer, Sponsor

Mary DeGraw - Pembroke; Garden 52A/Area 3; JoAnn Maynard, Sponsor

Aina Priedite – Henniker; 50D/Area 6; Lolly Gilbert, Sponsor

Elise also mentioned the Suggestion Box is waiting for ideas located in the south corridor in Barrows right behind reception desk. All names are confidential, but needed in case Elise needs to contact them.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DINING - Judie Waldert reported some comments that the food prices had increased, but the quality appeared to have gone down. Jon Merrill, Director of Dining Services disagreed with the comment. He said the goal of the Dining Department is not to make a profit, but to break even. In addition to the increased cost of the food, additional costs such as labor and equipment repairs and replacements must be covered, while still providing delicious and nutritious meals. No price increase is planned. The Dining Staff is trying to offer more meatless entrees as requested. We were reminded that if you are served something not to your liking, please request a replacement. There was also a concern that the container for half and half for coffee was too heavy to lift and Leslie is ordering a smaller replacement.

GROUNDS – In the absence of Bob Butler, Rick Woollett read the report. The next meeting of the Grounds Committee will be April 14 at 2:00 pm in the Dining Extension. Thirty-one people have requested raised beds. The greenhouse has to be emptied of all plants by April 20. Charlotte Cross and Joyce Benson had been keeping your plants happy all winter. A key is available at the Reception Desk if needed. The committee is looking for a person to take over as Chairman for 2026. Please contact Bob if interested. Earth Day project plans are progressing. All six areas have their teams and are deciding what needs to be worked on. Three trees will be planted and Dig Safe has been notified to be sure that the areas are OK to dig in. There are two carts available for use. Please return them quickly and be sure to return them to the area next to the recycle area. Both mulch and loam have been delivered for our use and are located near the Maintenance building. There are a number of rakes, pruners, carts, shovels for your use. Please bring them back as soon as you are finished with them so others can use them.

LIBRARY - Janet Zeller stated that the three HH Library Events for April are: Library Orientation on Tuesday, April 15 at 1 PM; Information and Demonstration of NH State Library Talking Books will be on Saturday, April 19 at 1 PM; and the 4th HHH Residents' Authors reading will feature Ro Metcalf on Wednesday April 30 at 2 PM at TAD'S.

PROGRAMS – Drinelle Michaud noted that Sue Edge will tell us about her Costa Rican Journey on April 10 with Bob Butler presenting their trip to China on April 24. May will bring us the Triple H Singers spring concert and NH Humanities sponsored event, Songs of Emigration: Storytelling Through Traditional Irish music by Jordan Tirrell Wysocki.

WELLNESS – Drinelle Michaud also presented the plans for the Annual Wellness fair that takes place on May 15th from 2 to 4 in the Barrows Activity Center. There will be a raffle again and the Committee thanks all the areas that have committed to donating a raffle basket or gift card donations. Wellness is also planning for Field Day 2025 which will take place on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

ADMINISTRATION: Jane Poitras, V.P. Housing

Building and Window Washing will be starting about May 1st. A letter containing the specifics and scheduling will be mailed to residents.

The marketing department has been very busy. There are nineteen new residents from Phase II. In the next six weeks there will be seven additional new residents. The Lunch and Learn programs are meant for new prospects to give facts and figures as they are applying.

Life Beyond Independent Living gives residents navigating tools needed to go beyond

independent living. Virtual programming will also be added for those who want to learn about “Life Beyond” from their current living quarters.

There will be some different programs to be held at Sommes House, which will include ice cream socials, wine tasting and food preparation for smaller groups of prospects.

In May, which is Older American Month, HHH is hosting some Good Life Programs which includes having some residents share their experiences while living at HHH. Good Life is a Senior Center located in Concord. Also happening May 6 and 7 the Marketing and Housing Teams will be attending and networking at the Maine/New Hampshire Leading Age Conference.

Be Aware of the Bobcat that is frequently seen at the Peace Pole. Fish and Game was contacted and though they don’t capture or relocate bobcats, they caution vigilance.

The Signs throughout Barrows building inside have been placed and Linda Ottery thanked the Administration for their attention to her request. The signs are also in Braille. The outdoor signs are still being worked on.

FURTHER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please wear your name tags since we have so many new residents. Also on April 15 there will be a Scambusters Sharing Time held in the Heritage Room at 10:00. Bev asked for anyone who is interested in serving on the Executive Council please let us know. The Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for April 17 at 9:00 AM. Mary Churchman encouraged all residents to take advantage of our summer trips.

Next Residents Association Meeting is June 11, 2025 at TAD’S PLACE.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsey Patten, Secretary