

Commission for the Henderson Home Aged Men

14 Clarke Street

Annual Report 2023

There are 5 commissioners of the Henderson Home for Aged Men JoAnne Ritchie, William Serth, Don DeLuca, Derek Grinkin and Mary Currier. Ritchie is the Chair of the Commission,

All 2024 meetings were held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:00. No meetings were held in July and December. In December we held a Holiday Dinner with the residents at the

Attendance:

January- Ritchie. Deluca, Currier, Serth, Grinken

February- Ritchie. Deluca, Currier

March - Ritchie. Deluca. Currier

April- Ritchie. Deluca. Currier, Setth, Grinken

May- Ritchie. Deluca, Currier

June- Ritchie. Deluca. Currier, Grinken

August - Ritchie. Deluca. Currier

September- Ritchie, Grinkin, DeLuca, Currier

October: Ritchie, DeLuca, Currier

November: Ritchie, DeLuca, Serth, Currier

Additionally, Malinda Roderick and Darlene Roderick attended all the meetings.

Financially, The Henderson Home is operating within its annual budget. The annual budget comes from the interest on the Trust Fund Account, as well as from the rent paid the residents. This past year we took money from a savings account to pay for the repairs and the new appliances.

The major issues discussed or reviewed in 2023 concerned maintenance and renovation of the building, residents' updates, management changes, energy conservation measures.

The city is continuing to take care of the landscaping, and some minor carpentry and plumbing repairs, The city accounting department keep the books.

We have been working with the fire department to ensure that we are up to code.

Projects completed in 2023 were replacing the roof, replacing the oil tanks, replacing the kitchen appliances, and repairing the boiler and bathroom.

The House Manager, Darlene Roderick, retired after over 30 years of service. Her daughter, Malinda Roderick, has taken the position.

We have lost one resident and gained 2, giving us 7 residents, which is our capacity at this time.

On a different note, the Newport Elks Lodge 104 donated an American Flag and flagpole to the Henderson Home this Fall. A presentation was made by The Exalted Ruler of the Newport Elks and the Mayor of Newport. The United States Navy Band Northeast, the Newport Artillery Company, and the VFW Post 406 participated as well. 4 of the 8 residents of the Henderson Home are veterans.

This year we will be focusing on reviewing and revising the bylaws for the Henderson Home, which were last published in 1948!

Projects planned for 2024 are repairing the fences, fixing the third-floor ceilings, doing some repair work on the side stairs, and some painting inside.

Submitted by JoAnne Ritchie on January 8, 2024

Chair of the Commission for the Henderson Home for Aged Men