

**To be Read at the Town Board Meeting on 11/19/2024**

**I have been trying to get both the Town Board and the Recreation committee to give me an answer about getting a new bus for the seniors in the town but it seems I am getting the run around. I would like to explain.**


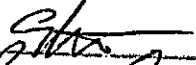
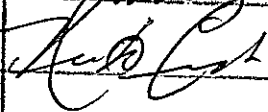
**Back in June, I went to the Open Rec, meeting and was told they have been trying to get the item put in the budget but the final say is up to the Town Board. The next night I went to the Town Board meeting and was told it was not in this years budget. I also found out that there was a grant to purchase a bus through the County and forwarded the information to both parties. As of the last meeting, there was no answer to this question. The current bus has not been inspected and was due in October.**

**I also mentioned at the meeting, that the current ad seems to not allow the person to be hired will not only be doing senior work but helping recreation dept. I do understand that there is Civil Service requirements but I feel that the seniors will be losing the support.**

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2 Stephanie Guo		57 Horseshoe Hill Rd P.R.
3 Nick Cianciola		29 Autumn Ridge Rd
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1 Rena Goldstein	Rena Goldstein	24 Upper Shad Road Pound Ridge NY
2 Janis Knorr	Janis Knorr	26 Upper Shad Rd. Pound Ridge NY
3 ROBENS Knorr	[Signature]	26 Upper Shad Rd. Pound Ridge NY
4 ANNE MARIE SCHILLER	Anne Marie Schiller	9 Bishop Park Rd Pound Ridge
5 MARGARET C. KEENER	Margaret C. Keener	27 Doerwin Ln Pound Ridge
6 Nancy Finne	Nancy Finne	48 Pound Ridge Rd, P.R.
7 ANITA MOLINARO	Anita Molinaro	92 Salem RD P. R.
8 Andrea Donnelly	Andrea Donnelly	23 Spring House Rd. P.R.
9 Jo Braun	Jo Braun	71 Lower Shad Rd "
10 Judy Ostrow	Judy Ostrow	367 Long Ridge Rd
11 Lauren Teton	[Signature]	15 Eastwoods Rd.
12 Sherril Rae Grass	Sherril Rae Grass	65 Horseshoe Hill Rd - Pound Ridge
13 Michele Goldmeyer	M Goldmeyer	10 PARKVIEW PL, PR
14 Judy Storey	Judith Storey	86 Lancker Rd, PR
15 Joy Zegras	Joy Zegras	309A Pine Brook Rd. PR
16 JoAnn Langham	[Signature]	1 Doe View Ln, P.R. NY
17 ELLE ECKSTEIN	[Signature]	375 LONG PINE RD
18 JUSAN WASSER	[Signature]	27 WHITE BIRCH RD
19 Katherine Bragunale	Katherine Bragunale	305 Elm Rd
20 MARY DELORES MLYNAR	Mary Delores Mlynar	48 Woodland Rd. PR

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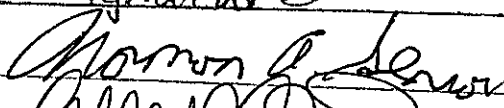

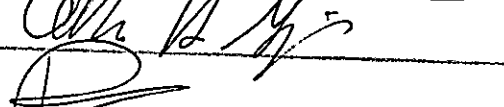
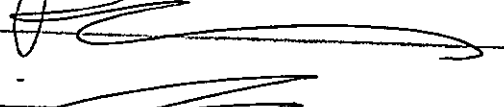
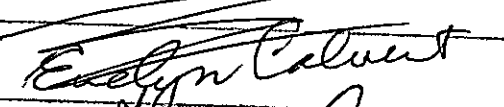
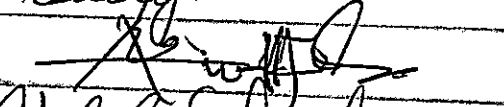
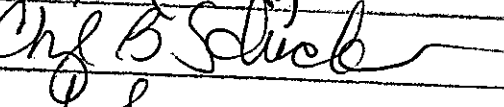


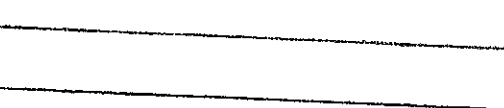
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1 Ann Gastrich	Ann Gastrich	10 Robin Hood Rd PR
2 Berni Gastrich	Berni Gastrich	"
3 JOHN HEALY	jh	26 TRIN. PASS
4 Barbara Earle	Barbara Earle	5 Sherwood Rd
5 Geraldine Kelly	Geraldine Kelly	152 Westchester Ave.
6 Ronde Kosminoff	Ronde Kosminoff	10 DAVIDS Lane PR
7 Richard Kosminoff	Richard Kosminoff	" " " "
8 Joan Davello	Joan Davello	2 Ford Rd. PR
9 CAROL LITOWITZ	Carol Litowitz	51 WHITE BIRCH RD
10 EUPH MEMMIAN	Euph Memmian	"
11 Thelma Van Tilburg	Thelma Van Tilburg	209 Salem Rd. P. R.
12 FOLKLORE	Folklore	10 Woodland Pk.
13 CAROL CLOPPA	Carol Cloppa	92 FANCHER Rd
14 Joan Goldberg	Joan Goldberg	173 Eastwinds Rd.
15 MAUREN ERRICKSON	Maureen Errickson	142 Old Shore Hill Rd
16 LISA KERRICKSON	Lisa Kerrickson	" " " "
17 Nickie Musol	Nickie Musol	46 Woodlark Rd
18 Ann Marie Fusco	Ann Marie Fusco	32 Wood Rd
19 Bonnie Schwartz	Bonnie Schwartz	49 Horseshoe Hill Rd.
20 David Price	David Price	11 Old Pound Rd.

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1 Norman Senior		20, Houshe Hyl Road
2 Ellen Kera-Geiger		Pound Ridge, 5 WINTERBOTTOM LANE PR
3 ADAM GEIGER		5 WINTERBOTTOM LA, PR
4 Pamela Corey		28 WINTERBOTTOM LA PR
5 Troy Corey		28 WINTERBOTTOM LANE PR
6 Evelyn Calvert		267 Salem Rd. PR. 10576
7 Anno Mensah		442 Old Stone Mill Rd
8 Cheryl Schacht		10 Old Pound Rd.
9 DANIEL FOLDMAN		144 UPPER S HOD, PR 10576
10 CYNTHIA SHEREDA		144 UPPER SHAD RD, PR 10576
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To Erin Trostle

From Nick Cianciola, 29 Autumn Ridge Road, Pound Ridge

Subj. Posted Part Time Recreation Assistant (Senior Program Focus)

**NOTE: Please post to the Town Website Supporting Documents but I ask that you provide a caption such as Residents Concern regarding Part Time Recreation Assistant Position**

### **Preserving Our Most Precious Resource: Pound Ridge Seniors**

In the intricate fabric of Pound Ridge, we pride ourselves on preserving open spaces and maintaining our town's pastoral charm. Yet, there is a far more valuable resource that demands our immediate attention and care: our senior citizens. While we meticulously protect acres of land, we risk neglecting the very individuals who have cultivated the spirit and legacy of this community.

### **The Unsung Heroes of Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)**

Neighbor to Neighbor is more than a program—it is the heartbeat of our community's compassion. Far beyond simple logistics of grocery deliveries or ride services, N2N has been a lifeline of dignity, connection, and independence for our seniors. Through carefully crafted services like Grocery Shopping Wednesdays, hot meal deliveries, RUOK check-ins, and transportation assistance, this program has ensured that those who built Pound Ridge can continue to call it home.

### **A Growing, Not Shrinking, Senior Population**

Contrary to outdated perceptions, our senior population is not diminishing but expanding. Nationwide trends show seniors are living longer, remaining active, and contributing meaningfully to their communities. In Pound Ridge, these are not just statistics—they are our veterans, our mentors, our living history. They are the custodians of our town's traditions, memories, and values.

### **The Critical Gap: A Misaligned Job Description**

The recently proposed part-time Recreation Assistant position is a stark departure from the specialized, thoughtful approach N2N has historically provided. While the job description claims a "Senior Program Focus," it reads more like a generic administrative role, threatening to dismantle the refined, personalized support our seniors require.

### **What's Missing: A True Part-Time Senior-Focused Role**

After researching similar positions in towns of comparable size, it's clear that Pound Ridge's current job description falls significantly short. Typically, a Part-Time Recreation Assistant focusing on seniors in a community of 5,000 residents would include:

- Comprehensive social engagement programming
- Mental health and wellness initiatives
- Technology training and digital inclusion programs
- Advocacy and support services
- Detailed coordination of volunteer networks
- Personalized care management

### **Compensation Considerations**

The current position offers up to \$30 per hour for a part-time role (estimated at 20 hours per week or 1,000 hours annually). While this translates to a potential \$30,000 annually, research of similar-sized communities suggests that a specialized part-time role focusing on senior services might command the higher end of the pay scale, potentially ranging from \$25 to \$35 per hour, reflecting the critical nature and specialized skills required for senior support services.

### **The Irreplaceable Legacy of Louise**

While it may seem impossible to replace the remarkable work of Louise, who shepherded the N2N program with unparalleled dedication, we must view this as an opportunity. The next leader should not seek to replicate her exact approach but to honor her legacy by innovating and expanding senior services.

### **A Call to Action**

We stand at a crucial crossroads. Will we allow a vital community service to fade, or will we recommit to the generations who have nurtured Pound Ridge? Our seniors are not a burden but our most valuable asset—guardians of wisdom, resilience, and community spirit.

The current job description must be reimaged. We need a role that:

- Prioritizes senior-specific programming
- Maintains the intimate, personal touch of N2N
- Provides comprehensive support beyond administrative tasks

- Ensures no senior feels isolated or unsupported

### **Conclusion**

Pound Ridge has always been more than a location—it's a community defined by mutual care and respect. Preserving N2N is not just about maintaining a program; it's about sustaining the very soul of our town.

Let us act now, with purpose and compassion, to ensure that our seniors continue to be the cherished cornerstone of Pound Ridge.