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**Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting**

Monday March 9, 2020 4:30pm  
Cole-Yeaton Senior Center

**Members:**

David Frim, Chair  
Vice Chair, Nick Bagas  
Treasurer - vacant position  
Secretary, Sandy Alley

Bridget Boyle \_\_\_\_  
Peter Caratelli \_\_\_\_  
Regina Cohen \_\_\_\_  
Joan Colombo \_\_\_\_

Debbie Heckbert \_\_\_\_  
Gloria Lemieux \_\_\_\_  
Diane Roza \_\_\_\_

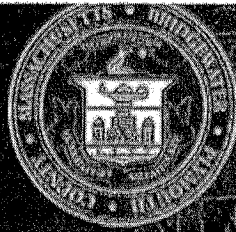
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Call to order at: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Approval of February Meeting Minutes
2. Announcements and Holiday Closings: Guest speakers: Michael Dutton, Town Manager, Kim Williams, Asst. Town Manager
3. Subcommittee Reports
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Director's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next meeting: April 13, 2020 4:30pm, Senior Center
9. Public Comment

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## 10. Adjournment

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### **February meeting minutes**

THE ELDER AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3 WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:28 PM BY CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM.

THE JANUARY MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 17, PRESIDENT'S DAY.

THE EAC ENTERTAINMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA WAS DISCUSSED. THE JANUARY 27TH ROAST BEEF DINNER WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL. ON FEB. 19 THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE WILL FEATURE A ROAST PORK LUNCHEON AT HIGH POND ESTATES. ON MARCH 17 AND APRIL 14 THE COMMITTEE WILL FEATURE A LUNCH PROGRAM SPEAKER PRESENTATION. HELEN BYRNE, HEALTHY LIVING SPECIALIST AT THE EAST BRIDGEWATER Y WILL SPEAK AT BOTH LUNCHEONS. MARCH 30 WILL BE A ROAST BEEF LUNCHEON ALONG WITH ENTERTAINMENT. JUNE 22 WILL FEATURE A VERY DIFFERENT AND EXCITING PROGRAM AT THE LUNCHEON. SHERYL FAYE WILL PORTRAY A HISTORIC WOMAN IN HISTORY. THIS WILL BE PAID FOR BY A GRANT.

DAVID PRAISED EMILY FOR BRINGING EXCITEMENT, WARMTH AND ADVENTURE TO THE SENIOR CENTER. DAVID ALSO READ THE ELDER AFFAIRS COMMISSION ANNUAL TOWN REPORT TO THE BOARD.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

APRIL PANOS, OUR COMMUNITY NURSE, HAS NEW HOURS. THEY WILL BE FROM 10 TIL 2 ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

EMILY WANTS TO KNOW OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE SENIOR CENTER. SUCH AS WHERE TO ADVERTISE EVENTS. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE PUT ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE. ELDER AFFAIRS HAS AN UPDATED WEBSITE NOW. ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS HAS INCREASED. "MY SENIOR CENTER" CARDS ARE BEING USED MORE. EMILY HAS BEEN SPREADING THE WORD THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO GET A CARD AND USE IT EACH TIME THEY COME INTO THE SENIOR CENTER FOR WHATEVER REASON. THE FORMULA GRANT RECEIVED BY THE SENIOR CENTER IS REFLECTED ON HOW MANY PEOPLE FREQUENT THE CENTER.

WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON AT THE SENIOR CENTER! THE GARDEN CLUB AND THE OSAMAQUIN CLUB WILL BE CROSS PROMOTING EACH OTHER. THEIR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. GARDEN CLUB ALSO HAS EVENING MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THE WHIST GROUP NUMBERS ARE DOWN SO THEY ARE LOOKING FOR MORE PEOPLE TO PLAY.

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KATHY WADE WILL BE OUT FOR A COUPLE OF TUESDAYS SO ON THE 4TH KRIS DRURY WILL BE MAKING HIS FAMOUS CHICKEN SOUP FOR LUNCH!

FOR THE VALENTINES PARTY, CHICKEN BROCCOLI ZITI WILL BE SERVED AND THERE WILL BE ENTERTAINMENT. ALL FOR 5 DOLLARS!

THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF 50 RESERVATIONS. THE LADIES WILL GET A ROSE AND THE GENTLEMEN A BOUTONNIERE.

SCOTT WILL BE FULLY QUALIFIED TO DRIVE THE VAN SOON.

THE MATTER OF BALANCE PROGRAM IS FILLED TO CAPACITY. THIS IS AN 8 WEEK COURSE PUT ON BY OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES AND IS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

EMILY IS LOOKING FOR A TAI CHI INSTRUCTOR FOR THE SENIOR CENTER.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

THERE ARE TWO JOBS POSTED

ONE IS FOR A PART TIME MEALS ON WHEELS COORDINATOR AND THE OTHER IS FOR A FULL TIME PROGRAM COORDINATOR (PAID FOR BY THE FORMULA GRANT)

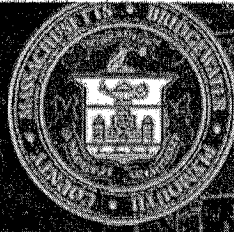
PETER DISAGREES WITH THE NEW POSITIONS BEING OFFERED.

THESE POSITIONS WILL BE FUNDED BY THE FORMULA GRANT.

FRANK SOUZA EXPLAINED THE TOWN'S RAINY-DAY FUND. IT FLUCTUATES. IT IS UP NOW WITH APPROXIMATELY 6 MILLION. BUT AS PETER WARNED WITH THE INCREASE IN TAXES (ESPECIALLY WITH THE NEW SCHOOL COMING) WE SHOULDN'T COUNT ON THE FORMULA GRANT TO PAY SALARIES AT THE SENIOR CENTER BECAUSE IF THE TOWN NEEDS MONEY IT WILL TAKE IT FROM WHEREVER IT CAN GET IT AND SALARIES WILL DEFINITELY BE AFFECTED. PETER IS CONCERNED ABOUT OFFICE COVERAGE. THE CENTER CANNOT BE RUN BY TEMPS AND VOLUNTEERS. CONFIDENTIALITY IS BEING BREACHED BY HAVING ALL THE DOORS OPEN AND PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE ARE BEING INADVERTENTLY OVERHEARD. THERE IS NO SECURITY IN THE BUILDING. SOME OF THE ITEMS WE DISCUSSED TWO YEARS AGO ABOUT REMODELING THE ENTRY WAY AND SECURING THE OFFICE HAVE NOT BEEN DONE AND WE ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT THEM. AND NOW THE POSITION OF RECEPTIONIST HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. THE BOARD FEELS THAT A RECEPTIONIST IS DEFINITELY NEEDED IN ORDER TO DIRECT VISITORS TO THE CENTER IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

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NICK ASKED WHY THE NEW POSITION FOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR HAS TO BE A PERSON WITH A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

DEBBIE STATED THAT THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM IS MESSED UP EVEN WITH ONE OR TWO PEOPLE FROM OLD COLONY ASSISTING ON A DAILY BASIS.

RULES FOR PEOPLE USING THE SENIOR CENTER SHOULD BE POSTED FOR ALL TO SEE. THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY SPECIAL RULING FOR CERTAIN GROUPS SUCH AS FOR USING THE KITCHEN OR MOVING ROOM DIVIDERS.

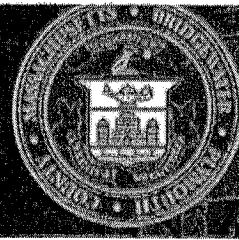
WE HAVE VERY NICE NEW COFFEE MUGS. THIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY RODDY WALSH OUR VETERANS AGENT AND PAID FOR BY THE NAMES ON THE MUGS.

THE PHONE SYSTEM IS BEING CHANGED SO THAT WHEN ANYONE CALLS THE CENTER A RECORDING DIRECTS THE PERSON TO THE EXTENSION NEEDED SO THE PHONE IS NOT RINGING CONSTANTLY IN THE OFFICE.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A MEETING WITH MR. DUTTON AND KIM WILLIAMS IS NECESSARY TO CLEAR UP THE DIFFICULTIES THE SENIOR CENTER OFFICE IS EXPERIENCING AT THIS TIME.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:45 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY, EAC



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### **Subcommittee Reports**

David Frim, Entertainment/Programs Committee Chair

"Several events to report this month!

Wednesday - February 19th High Pond Estates Luncheon.

Regina, Robin and Rita created a wonderful luncheon. Apple stuffing with pork; green beans, roll, and an unbelievable chocolate-heath bar crunch trifle. Sold Out event for 50 residents! Emily Williams spoke and discussed the many events and activities offered at the Senior Center. Many of the High Pond Estate residents already attend events at the S.C. We are looking forward to High Pond residents joining us at our lunch program and many activities.

Monday-February 24th Fresh Fish Luncheon. Always a hit! Over 40 people signed up for a delicious meal. Nick worked with the BHA and had the Senior Center bus transport 15 excited BHA residents to and from the luncheon. A great way to interest Bridgewater residents to join us for our Monday, Tuesday lunch program and myriad of activities. Regina, Robin and Dave served at the event.

Upcoming Event: Monday March 30th- Spoon Roast Beef. Musical Entertainment. Cap attendance at 50.

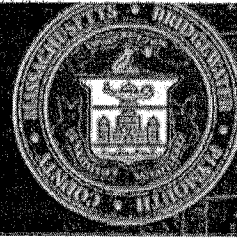
Idea: With Easter just around the corner on Sunday April 12th, would people be interested in an Easter visit {with Easter Baskets} to the Bridgewater Nursing Home? The actual visit could be the afternoon of Wednesday April 9th, or Thursday April 10th. We would need Easter Baskets for 35 residents and volunteers to visit with each resident. I would like to ask several students at the Capachione School of performing Arts to volunteer to sing as entertainment. We have not provided entertainment in prior visits.

Several people have expressed interest in a bus trip to the Foxwoods & Springfield Big E this year. The Big E runs from September 18th to October 4th. We last provided a trip to the Big E in 2018 and it was a sold-out event! We would like to consider this for this year.

Many big plans for the next few months. Please continue to let us know what activities you would like to see.  
Your Entertainment Subcommittee,  
Dave, Regina and Nick"

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**Director's Report**

- The Reunion Project
- Transportation Program update
- Deb Burris new Meals on Wheel Coordinator
- Mitchell School Update

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