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Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting

Monday May 11, 2020 3:00pm
Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96340176413>

Meeting ID: 963 4017 6413

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Disclosure: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted.

Members:

Chair, David Frim

Vice Chair, Nick Bagas

Treasurer - vacant position

Secretary, Sandy Alley

Bridget Boyle ____

Regina Cohen ____

Joan Colombo ____

Debbie Heckbert ____

Gloria Lemieux ____

Diane Roza ____

Call to order at: _____

1. Approval of April Meeting Minutes
2. Announcements and Holiday Closings: none
3. Subcommittee Reports
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Director's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business – COVID-19 update, reopening, programming
8. Next meeting: June 8 3:00pm Zoom
9. Public Comment

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10. Adjournment

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April Meeting Minutes:

The Elder Affairs Commission held our meeting on April 13, 2020 via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order by David Frim.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Director's Report:

Emily stated that the Meals on Wheels Program has changed a bit. Volunteers are delivering meals to the clients on Tuesdays (taking 2 meals for each client) and Fridays (3 meals for each client)

Emily said that she and Kathy, Joanne, and Deb do a daily ZOOM call.

She said Kathy is busy with applications for SNAP and fuel assistance.

The van is doing three or four grocery shopping trips weekly.

Programming -- Chair yoga is being done virtually on Monday and Tuesday as well as chair arthritis program on Wednesday.

Regina made soup and pumpkin bread to give out to those who need it. Next will be a broccoli and cheese quiche to be sent out next week.(50 people)

Emily gave an update on how other senior centers are coping.

Our town's CERT team met with Emily and they are working on getting phone numbers of elderly in town.

The van is going out on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Ridership is limited to 5 people only due to social distancing.

Emily is hopeful that we will be able to have a big barbecue at the end of all this to thank our many volunteers!

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She is planning on having some new programs from BSU and we are open for new ideas for programming.

We now have over 40 new volunteers at the senior center. Some of these people are grocery shopping and picking up prescriptions for senior citizens.

Old business: none

New Business:

Emily gave us a new Covid 19 update as it applies to seniors. She stated that there are a lot of scams out there and that some of the elders think the calls from the senior center to get phone numbers, etc. are the scammers! So the elderly are afraid as their world has gotten even smaller.

Emily was happy to hear that a lot of the seniors are staying connected with family and friends with phone calls and emails.

During this trying time it is heartwarming to see and hear of neighbors helping neighbors!

The senior center Facebook page has some helpful hints on how to get through all this. Resource lists are available at the senior center.

Old Colony Elder Services are giving out \$500 scholarships to senior centers.

Regina said they are trying to get a Website for High Pond residents. The Wymans (owners of High Pond Estates) went door to door and gave all residents there a \$50 gift card for food at Roche Brothers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Alley, secretary EAC