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Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting

Monday June 8, 2020 3:00pm
Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/702275414?pwd=bUhNQk9RL09xTVpHQW9WZlplYVlkZz09>

Meeting ID: 702 275 414 Password: 389587 Phone #: 646-876-9923

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 May 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, task force, programming
8. Next meeting: July 14, 2020 3:00pm Zoom
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

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May Meeting Minutes:

The Elder Affairs Commission held our meeting on May 12, 2020 via ZOOM.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 PM BY CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM.

BEFORE ADDRESSING THE AGENDA, DAVID READ A LETTER WRITTEN BY LORRAINE CARROZZA TO MICHAEL DUTTON REGARDING KATHY HAYES AND ALL THAT SHE DOES FOR THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER SENIORS AND BEYOND. WE ALL AGREE THAT KATHY IS DOING A VERY FINE JOB.

THE APRIL EAC MEETING MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED AND SECONDED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

TREASURERS REPORT: NONE

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

THANKS TO EMILY WE NOW HAVE "BISTRO TO GO". REGINA GOES TO THE SENIOR CENTER ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS TO MAKE MEALS TO GO. LASAGNA IS A BIG HIT! MEALS ARE MADE FOR BETWEEN 30 AND FIFTY PEOPLE (ABOVE AND BEYOND THE MEALS ON WHEELS CLIENTS). THE GIRL SCOUTS ARE MAKING GREETING CARDS FOR MOW CLIENTS)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

THE BRIDGEWATER CERT GROUP (AROUND A DOZEN PEOPLE) ARE MAKING WELLNESS CALLS TO BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS. THEY ARE RECEIVING MANY DIFFERENT REACTIONS TO THESE CALLS – MOST ARE WELCOMING AND HEARTWARMING. THE YOUNGER SENIORS (IN THEIR 60S) SAY THEY DON'T NEED ANY HELP. SOME ARE SENDING DONATIONS TO THE SENIOR CENTER. \$300.00 HAS BEEN RECEIVED. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT 20 VETERANS COULD USE FOOD ITEMS. THE BRIDGEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT WENT TO GILLETTE STADIUM TO PICK UP FOOD FOR THEM. THE SENIOR CENTER HAS BEEN USING THE VAN TO DELIVER GOODS TO THE PEOPLE AND TAKE THEM WHERE THEY WANT TO GO. RULES, AS THEY WERE, ARE NO LONGER!

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DAVID ASKED IF WE COULD GET DATA FROM THE SENIOR CENTER SUCH AS MAKING LISTS OF PEOPLE FOR WELLNESS CALLS, DEATH NOTICES, ETC.

EMILY SAID THE STAFF IS NOW WORKING ON FATHERS DAY GIFTS FOR SENIORS AND ASKED THE COMMITTEE FOR SUGGESTIONS.

MEALS ON WHEELS HAS GROWN IN NUMBERS. THERE ARE NOW 50 TO 65 CONSUMERS. LATELY THERE HAVE BEEN LOTS OF COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTOR. ONE WORKER THERE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID 19 CAUSING THE MAJOR PROBLEM. THINGS ARE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL THOUGH. DELIVERY CAN BE VERY EMOTIONAL – THERE ARE SEVEN DRIVERS MAKING DELIVERIES WITH LESS CONTACT WITH THE CONSUMER. SOMETIMES THE DRIVER IS THE ONLY PERSON THE CONSUMER EVER SEES SO IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR BOTH PARTIES DURING THIS ISOLATION PERIOD TO HAVE LESS CONTACT. HONEY DEW DONUTS ARE MAKING DONATIONS WHICH ARE A WELCOME TREAT FOR MOW CONSUMERS.

ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS, JACK, IS MAKING BREAD EVERY WEEK AND GIVING IT OUT. HE SAYS BY DOING THIS IT GIVES HIM PURPOSE. THE BREAD IS GOOD AND ALL APPRECIATE IT.

MONEY---GRANTS ARE NOT BEING EXTENDED BEYOND JUNE 30. THERE ARE 3 THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT: 1. REUNION PROJECT 2. REDO CABINETS AND HALLWAY 3. FORMULA GRANT – THERE IS ABOUT \$2000.00 LEFT IN IT. HOW SHOULD IT BE SPENT?

THE STATE IS BEING VERY FLEXIBLE AS FAR AS PURCHASING THINGS IF WE NEED THEM.

A SUNSETTER TYPE OF AWNING WAS SUGGESTED FOR THE GARDEN SIDE OF THE SENIOR CENTER. JOANNE IS CHECKING ON THE WINDOW CRANKS AND CEILING TILES. CAPITAL PROJECTS ARE ON HOLD FOR NOW. EMILY STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE FORMULA GRANT FROM THE STATE WILL BE. THE NEW MOW AND WELLNESS POSITIONS COME UNDER THE FORMULA GRANT. THE FISCAL YEAR TOWN BUDGET IS UNKNOWN AS OF NOW.



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THE GOVERNOR NEEDS TO SET GUIDELINES FOR OPENING ALL SENIOR CENTERS AND WHAT SIZE GROUPS WILL BE ALLOWED. NOT LOOKING TOO GOOD FOR LARGE GROUPS SUCH AS ZUMBA. SOMEONE MENTIONED THE PURCHASE OF THERMOMETERS TO CHECK VISITORS TO THE CENTER.

CHECK IN AT THE CENTER WILL BE MOVED TO THE FOYER AND PLEXI GLASS WILL BE INSTALLED IN SPECIFIC AREAS AND ALSO IN THE VAN.

WE NEED TO RE-IMAGINE THE SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS.....VIRTUAL? PHONE? LETTER? BSU SOCIAL SERVICES?

AN INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM WITH BSU STUDENTS IS COMING UP. THIS WILL BE ON A ONE ON ONE BASIS.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS ARE WORKING OUT FINE.

REGINA'S MEALS ARE TRULY BEING ENJOYED BY ALL WHO RECEIVE THEM.

NEW BUSINESS:

LOOKING AT REOPENING AND VIRTUAL PROGRAMS. DIANE ROZA AND KAREN KELLIHER WILL BE DOING VIRTUAL KNITTING MEETINGS ON THURSDAYS FROM 7 TO 8:30. DIANE'S PHONE NUMBER IS 207 615 8151 AND HER EMAIL IS DROZA110@GMAIL.COM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

WEDNESDAY IS ESSENTIAL OILS PROGRAM AT 3:00 PM

BTV AND THE SENIOR CENTER ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITH VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS.

WE NEED TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT OTHER SENIOR CENTERS ARE DOING.

THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE ALONG WITH VIRTUAL POLITICAL GROUPS PERHAPS AND CURRENT EVENTS. ALSO A COFFEE HOUR WITH DAVID FRIM IS BEING PLANNED.

THERE WILL BE ONE MORE NEWSLETTER – THE LAST ONE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30.

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WE NEED UPDATES ON ANYONE WHO IS ILL OR PASSES AWAY.

SCOTT AND JEN PAINTED THE HEART ON THE SENIOR CENTER SIGN!

JUNE 8, 2020 AT 3:00 PM IS THE NEXT MEETING VIRTUALLY

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:00 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY EAC