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Subject: EAC ZOOM MEETING 5/11/20 3:00 PM

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!

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.

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.

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

SCOTT AND JENN 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