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Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting

Monday January 10, 2022, 2:00pm

Virtual Via Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96002444815>

Meeting ID: 960 0244 4815 Call in Option: 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 Elder Affairs Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

Members:

Chair, David Frim	_____	Doug Dorr	_____
Vice Chair, Nick Bagas	_____	Rich Gopen	_____
Treasurer, Gloria Lemieux	_____	Debbie Heckbert	_____
Secretary, Sandy Alley	_____	Marylou Harding	_____
Karen Aicher	_____	Diane Roza	_____
Vacancy	_____	Robin Sherick	_____

Call to order at: _____

1. Announcements and Holiday Closings: Friday, January 14th (building cleaning) Monday MLK Day 17th and Monday, January 18th (building cleaning)
2. Subcommittee Reports
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Director's Report
5. Old Business
6. New Business –

a. Mask Mandate:

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to infect residents, and the chances that the infection rate will continue to rise and fall as the virus mutates and extends to successive waves, it is important to develop a standard policy to protect residents and employees. Since the variants of the COVID-19 virus appear to spread rapidly, this Emergency Policy is effective on Monday, January 3, 2022. Since the most recent wave of infections appears to be less acute than previous waves, the Town is currently not contemplating the closure of offices. This Emergency Policy is designed to provide to all employees and residents some degree of protection from contracting any form of the COVID-19 virus or current strains of influenza. Please be respectful of your fellow team members and Bridgewater residents by adhering to the following: SAFETY PRECAUTIONS The following

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precautions shall be taken by all staff in all non-public safety offices: • All personnel are required to wear a facial covering while inside Town buildings unless seated alone at a desk/workspace or operating a Town vehicle. Patrons to the Bridgewater Library and the Bridgewater Senior Center are also required to wear masks while inside these buildings and interacting with others.”

7. Next meeting: February 14, 2022 at 2:00pm
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment



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CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:05 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSINGS: MLK DAY, 1/17/22

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

REGINA, ROBIN AND NICK RECEIVED A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR BISTRO MEALS!

CHRISTMAS BAGS WILL BE DELIVERED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 1:00 P M TO THE 138 RESIDENTS AT THE BRIDGEWATER HOUSING AUTHORITY (138) AND THE BRIDGEWATER NURSING HOME AND STAFF.

TOMORROW, TUESDAY, WE WILL ALL MEET AT THE SENIOR CENTER TO STUFF THE BAGS .

TREASURERS REPORT:

GLORIA WENT OVER THE EXPENSES. EMILY EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF THE HOWARD FOUNDATION. IT IS RELATED TO SENIOR ACTIVITIES. SUCH AS THE CONCERT, THE JAZZ CONCERT AND THE NEW FURNITURE THAT IS COMING.....SMALLER DINING TABLES AND CHAIRS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE CONVERSATION.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

EMILY GAVE THANKS FOR COORDINATING ALL THE ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS THAT TAKE PLACE AT THE SENIOR CENTER AND BEYOND.

CANDY BAGS WILL BE GOING OUT WITH THE MEALS ON WHEELS CLIENTS (74 OF THEM!) KATHY HAYES WILL BE GIVING ITEMS TO HER CLIENTS AND ALSO THE BISTRO CLIENTS WILL BE GETTING A GOODY BAG. EVERY SENIOR WILL ALSO GET A HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARD.

KATHY HAYES GAVE A PRESENTATION AT STONE MEADOW ABOUT THE REACH PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM HELPS THE PEOPLE FROM MAINSPRING HOUSE BY MAKING A NUTRITIOUS BAG LUNCH FOR THEM ONCE A MONTH. STONE MEADOW RECENTLY MADE A \$250.00 DONATION TO THE SENIOR CENTER.



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EMILY IS INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR THE COMMUNITY WELLNESS POSITION. SOMEONE WILL BE HIRED SOON. OLD COLONY IS HIRING ALSO - THIS WILL PROVIDE FOR CONGREGATE LUNCHES. THERE IS A SMALL GIVING TREE AT THE BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON THE AWNING: THE PROJECT IS BEING REVIEWED BY THE ARCHITECT BUT EMILY HAS NOT HEARD ANYTHING MORE. THE LEAKY ROOF IS A PROJECT THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED SOON. THE PICKLE BALL COURTS ARE COMPLETE. EMILY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE COURTS. THE NEW SHED HAS ARRIVED FOR STORAGE OF COURT MAINTENANCE ITEMS. FREE CLASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY. THERE ARE 6 COURTS. EVENTUALLY THEY WILL BE ILLUMINATED AT NIGHT. BATHROOM FACILITIES WILL BE BUILT ONTO THE SIDE OF THE SENIOR CENTER AS THE PLUMBING IS RIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING. PERHAPS WE COULD HAVE A SPORTS SUBCOMMITTEE? THERE NEEDS TO BE SPECIFIC TIMES FOR BRIDGEWATER SENIORS ONLY. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SENIOR CENTER TAKING OVER THE CONTROLS OF THE PICKLE BALL USE INSTEAD OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMILY HAS REQUESTED A NEW MEETING TIME OF 2:00 P M INSTEAD OF 3:00 P M TO FACILITATE HER BEING ABLE TO PICK UP HER CHILDREN ON TIME AFTER WORK. ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AGREED TO THE NEW TIME AND IT WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 10.

NICK REQUESTED THAT WE BEGIN OUR MEETINGS WITH A SALUTE TO THE FLAG. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WILL BEGIN THIS PRACTICE AT OUR JANUARY MEETING.

WE ALL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THE GENERATOR IS!!

DAVID FRIM MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL HOMES OF SENIORS WHERE DELIVERIES ARE MADE ARE NOT BEING KEPT UP.....LONG GRASS AND LOTS OF LEAVES ON THE GROUND. MENTIONED GETTING SOME HIGH SCHOOL KIDS TO HELP WITH THAT. EMILY STATED THAT THEY WOULD BE COVERED AGAINST INJURY BY THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER INSURANCE.

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REGINA HAS MOVED TO OAK POINT IN MIDDLEBORO. BECAUSE SHE HAS MOVED OUT OF TOWN SHE CAN NO LONGER SIT ON THE BOARD OF THE EAC UNFORTUNATELY. RICH GOPEN WILL MOVE INTO HER SEAT AT THIS TIME.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 P M

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY, EAC