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Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting

Monday February 14, 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:
 - a. Monday, February 21st (President's Day) Closed
 - b. New Staff Member: Courtney Krajewski
2. Subcommittee Reports
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Howard Foundation Year-End Report
4. Director's Report
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Recreation Committee Meeting – March 7th
 - b. S.A.V.E. 2022
7. Next meeting: March 14, 2022 at 2:00pm
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment



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CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 2:03 P M
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSINGS:

THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC THIS FRIDAY THE 14TH (MEALS ON WHEELS WILL STILL TAKE PLACE). THE SENIOR CENTER WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DUE TO CLEANING ON TUESDAY THE 18TH.

SUBCOMMITTEE:

THE EAC CHRISTMAS VISIT TO BRIDGEWATER HOUSING AND BRIDGEWATER NURSING HOME WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. RESTRICTIONS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING WERE IN PLACE SO WE WEREN'T ABLE TO INTERACT WITH THE PATIENTS AS IN THE PAST.

DAVID IS ANXIOUS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CLEAN UP PROGRAM INVOLVING HOMES OF SENIORS IN NEED. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WE WILL BE ASKING THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY ALONG WITH LOCAL CHURCHES TO GET SOME STUDENTS INVOLVED. KAREN SAID THERE IS A PROGRAM IN PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY AND WE ARE HOPEFUL TO GET SOME VOLUNTEERS THERE.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO WORK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS A WORKING SMOKE AND CO DETECTOR!! EMILY MENTIONED REACHING OUT TO THE TRIADE GROUP TO SEE IF THEY WOULD PROVIDE A POST CARD TO REMIND ALL OF HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GLORIA REPORTED ON THE 5 FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE SENIOR CENTER.

THE HOWARD FOUNDATION NOW HAS A NEGATIVE BALANCE OF \$90.00

COA REVOLVING FUND HAS A BALANCE OF \$1150.00

NEEDY SENIORS HAS A BALANCE OF \$1403.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS HAS A BALANCE OF \$43,385.00

NUTRITION DONATION HAS A BALANCE OF \$11,769.00

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DIRECTORS REPORT:

THE FLASHLIGHTS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT LAST MONTH WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. THEY EACH COST \$7.00 AND ARE IU CERTIFIED. THERE ARE 400 PEOPLE IN TOWN THAT QUALIFY TO RECEIVE THEM WHICH WILL BE A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2800.00. WE RECEIVED A CHECK FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR MOST OF THAT FIGURE WHEN THEY RAISED THE MONEY BY NOT SHAVING FOR A MONTH.

EMILY WILL BE ASKING FOR \$15,000 FROM THE HOWARD FOUNDATION FOR THIS YEAR.

THERE ARE NEW SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE AT THE SENIOR CENTER. A MASK MANDATE IS IN PLACE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. AND THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE WORKING WITH A HYBRID STAFF. THE STAFF WILL TAKE TURNS COMING INTO THE CENTER AND WORKING FROM HOME. WELLNESS CALLS WILL BE STEPPING UP THIS SEMESTER. THE CALLS WILL BE MADE BY VOLUNTEERS FROM BSU.

COURTNEY KRAJESKI IS OUR NEW COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND ACTIVITY COORDINATOR. SHE WILL BEGIN WORK ON JANUARY 25. SHE WILL BE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS.

RICH THINKS WE SHOULD ORDER MORE COVID TEST TO HAVE ON HAND. EMILY SAID THAT THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS WILL BE PROVIDING MORE TESTS SOMETIME SOON.

JANUARY IS A QUIET MONTH.....NOT A LOT OF PROGRAMMING .

ACTIVITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON LINE.

THE NEWSLETTER WILL STILL GO OUT EVERY MONTH.

TRANSPORTATION: BUSINESS AS USUAL

THE STAFF AT THE SENIOR CENTER IS FLEXIBLE AND DOING OK.

THERE IS ANOTHER NEW HIRE. HER NAME IS DONNA AND SHE WILL BE EMPLOYED BY OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES. SHE WILL BE HANDLING ALL MEALS ON WHEELS ISSUES. THIS WILL FREE UP ANN WHO HAS BEEN HANDLING ANY ISSUES UP TO THIS POINT.

THE BISTRO FURNITURE IS IN PLACE BUT IT IS NOT YET SAFE TO BEGIN CONGREGATE MEALS.

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IN THE CASE OF THE MISSING GENERATOR ----- THE TOWN KNOWS WHERE IT IS AS IT IS A SHARED GENERATOR. IN THE EVENT OF POWER OUTAGES THE GENERATOR WILL COME TO THE SENIOR CENTER FOR A WARMING STATION. ARCHITECTURAL PLANS HAVE BEEN UPDATED FOR THE PLANNED PORTICO FOR THE FRONT OF THE SENIOR CENTER.

ELDER AFFAIR COMMISSION ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

EMILY WOULD LIKE TO COME UP WITH SOME NEW AND FRESH IDEAS! NEW INTERNS FROM BSU ARE ON BOARD FOR THE NEW SEMESTER. KAREN SAID THAT ALL INTERNS THAT WILL BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE BUILDING CAN BE TESTED FOR COVID WEEKLY.

THERE WILL BE A PAID INTERNSHIP FOR A SOCIAL WORKER. THERE WILL ALSO BE A HIRED SPECIALIST FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRALS. THE STIPEND FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE \$2000 FOR 5 MONTHS.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 14 AT 2:00 P M

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:45 P M

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY
EAC