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Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting

Monday May 10, 2021 3:00pm
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.

There will be no in person attendance permitted.

Members:

Chair, David Frim _____

Vice Chair, Nick Bagas _____

Treasurer - vacant position

Secretary, Sandy Alley _____

Karen Aicher _____

Regina Cohen _____ Joan Colombo _____

Rich Gopen _____ Debbie Heckbert _____

Gloria Lemieux _____ Marylou Harding _____

Diane Roza _____ Robin Sherrick _____

Call to order at: _____

1. Approval of March 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 – Bridgewater CARES Transit
8. Next meeting: June 14, 2021 3:00pm (Zoom Link above)
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

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CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:03 PM.

MARCH EAC MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: A VERY ENJOYABLE ST. PATRICKS DAY EVENT WAS HELD.

PLANS ARE COMING UP FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND MOTHERS DAY.

BRIDGEWATER RAYNHAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND WANTS TO PLAY AT THE SENIOR CENTER.

BRIDGEWATER GARDEN CLUB WILL BE HOLDING THEIR SPRING PLANT SALE UNDER THE TENT ON MAY 8.

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY WILL RESUME DANCE CLASSES.

THE LIMIT FOR PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN OUTDOOR EVENTS IS 25.

THE REOPENING OF THE SENIOR CENTER HAS BEEN VERY SMOOTH!

IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT THE SENIOR CENTER IS RUNNING OUT OF ROOM! EMILY SAID SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE WRITE A GRANT FOR AN ARCHITECT.

THE PICKLE BALL COURT IS ALMOST NEAR COMPLETION.

WHEN WALLY KRUGER ROADWAY IS BUILT THERE WILL BE AN ISLAND WITH FOLIAGE OF SOME SORT PLANTED IN IT.

THERE WILL BE A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH EMILY ON THE 15TH AT 10:00 A.M. OUTSIDE BY THE FIREPIT.

TAI-CHI, LINE DANCE, ZUMBA AND MORE ARE BACK!

EMILY WENT OVER THE NEWSLETTER WITH ALL OF US. SHE SAID THE NEW "SANDWICHES TO GO" IS VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH 15 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING.

SHE DISCUSSED THE NEW WEBSITE FOR A FREE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BOOK A RIDE TO WHEREVER YOU NEED TO GO. THIS IS A 6 MONTH PILOT PROGRAM WORKING

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WITH A&A METRO. IT IS FOR OLDER ADULTS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. IT IS A 40THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT WITH 28 THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF FREE RIDES INCLUDED! THE SENIOR CENTER WILL APPROVE ALL RIDES AND RIDES WILL BE AVAILABLE 24/7 7 DAYS A WEEK.

ON APRIL 21 THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION.

THE LAST SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ON 4/13/21.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE.

AS WELL AS BRIDGEWATER CARES PROGRAM. WITH 45 TO 60 PARTICIPANTS. THIS IS AN INTERACTIONAL PROGRAM WITH STUDENTS AT BSU AND OLDER PEOPLE TO HELP REDUCE ISOLATION.

ROBIN SUGGESTED MAYBE HAVING A REVERSE MENTORING TYPE OF PROGRAM WHERE SENIORS COULD MENTOR PEOPLE SUCH AS LONELY TEENAGERS.

ALLISON IS DOING A PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY THE 15TH AT 10 ABOUT GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN. ALL THE STAFF ARE DOING WELL AS WELL AS TRANSPORTATION AND HOME-BOUND VACCINES.

DAVID QUESTIONED IF WE COME INTO THE "RED ZONE" WITH COVID AGAIN WOULD WE HAVE TO SHUT DOWN COMPLETELY. ASIDE FROM NECESSARY FUNCTIONING AT THE SENIOR CENTER EMILY SAID YES WE WOULD HAVE TO.

THE TRIADE GROUP PUT TOGETHER A NEW GROUP. IT WILL BE OPEN TO PARTICIPANTS EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. THE FIRST PROGRAM IS ABOUT HEARING IMPAIRMENT CALLED CAPTEL.

CHAIRMAN DAVID FRIM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:57PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY

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