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Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting

Monday August 16, 2021, 3:00pm
Cole Yeaton Senior Center
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Hybrid In Person/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 _____

Vice Chair, Nick Bagas _____

Treasurer - vacant position

Secretary, Sandy Alley _____

Karen Aicher _____

Regina Cohen _____

Rich Gopen _____ Debbie Heckbert _____

Gloria Lemieux ___ Marylou Harding _____

Diane Roza ___ Robin Sherrick _____

Call to order at: _____

1. Approval of June Meeting Minutes
2. Announcements and Holiday Closings: No July meeting; Labor Day September 6
3. Subcommittee Reports
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Director's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next meeting: September 16, 2021 3:00pm
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

Bridgewater:

Preserving Our Past. Enriching Our Present. Building Our Future.



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

FRANK SOUSA WAS A GUEST.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON!

MAY MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSINGS: ON FRIDAY, JUNE 18, ALL TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR THE NEW FEDERAL HOLIDAY, JUNE TEENTH.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: FOR THE BBQ ON JULY 1 THERE ARE 120 SIGNED UP!

65 MEALS WILL BE PREPARED FOR FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION.

TREASURERS REPORT: NONE

DIRECTORS REPORT:

THE NEWSLETTER WENT OUT.

THIS IS THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. A FORMULA GRANT PAYS FOR THE NEWSLETTER. THE 2020 CENSUS IS DELAYED. EMILY STATED THAT THE MORE SENIORS THERE ARE THE MORE MONEY THE TOWN RECEIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT. RIGHT NOW THE TOWN RECEIVES \$12.00 PER SENIOR CITIZEN. THE TOWN HAS RECEIVED \$49,000.00 IN TOTAL. THERE ARE 4000 PEOPLE IN TOWN OVER AGE 60.

EVENING CLASSES:

DIANE ROZA IS HOSTING A SEWING, KNITTING, ETC. CLASS EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 6:30 TO 8:00PM

COMMUNITY DANCE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT.

CHAIR YOGA HAS BEGUN AGAIN.

THE SENIOR CENTER IS FULLY REOPENED!



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BSU WILL BE DOING MUSIC CONCERTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. TWO ARE COMING UP THIS MONTH.

THERE WAS A PRIDE FLAG RAISING DOWNTOWN.

THE TRI-TOWN TV PROGRAMS ARE STILL GOING ON.

BISTRO MEALS CATER TO 60 PEOPLE. SURVEY RESULTS WERE VERY POSITIVE REGARDING THE BISTRO MEALS. SOME COMMENTS WERE NO HOT DOG CASSEROLES AND NO MORE STIR-FRY. BUT MORE VEGGIES WOULD BE WELCOME!

THE BOXED SANDWICH LUNCH FOR \$2.50 FROM OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES ARE DOING WELL.

THERE ARE 61 MEALS BEING DELIVERED TO MEALS ON WHEELS. WE WILL BE GOING BACK TO DAILY DELIVERIES ON JULY 1.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A COUPLE OF HOARDER SITUATIONS IN TOWN THAT KATHY HAS INVESTIGATED.

BSU SENIOR COLLEGE IS PROVIDED AT THE SENIOR CENTER FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET.

THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IS GOING VERY WELL. THE VAN CAN ACCOMMODATE 10 PEOPLE PER TRIP. 98 TRIPS WERE PROVIDED THE FIRST MONTH! WE NEED TO SEE HOW MANY AFTER HOURS TRIPS AND THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF 60 WHO ARE USING THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE IT IS SUCCESSFUL.

NO ONE CAME TO THE MEMORY CAFE ALTHOUGH THERE IS INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM. A QUESTION OF PERHAPS THERE IS A CAREGIVER SHORTAGE HERE IN BRIDGEWATER?

LOVED ONES ARE REFUSING TO COME TO THE MEMORY CAFE. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF THE PROGRAM BEING REVAMPED. THERE IS A \$4000.00 GRANT FOR THE MEMORY CAFE.



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IN-PERSON MEALS WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN IN THE FALL. ROBIN AND REGINA NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHICH DAY OR DAYS THAT WILL BE.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE DAY IS JUNE 15, 2021.

JOAN COLOMBO IS RESIGNING FROM THE COMMISSION THIS WEEK.

RICH GOPEN SUGGESTED MAYBE HAVING A "RESOURCE ANIMAL" SUCH AS A DOG OR CAT. WEYMOUTH HAS ONE THAT DOES DOUBLE DUTY AT THE SCHOOLS AND SENIOR CENTER.

THIS IS WHERE POWER WAS LOST!

I ASSUME DAVID FRIM CALLED THE MEETING TO BE ADJOURNED AT THIS TIME (4ISH).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SANDRA ALLEY,

EAC SECRETARY