

Senior Citizen Commission – September 25, 2020

Trumbull Senior Citizen Commission Virtual Meeting
September 25, 2020
10:00 am

The Senior Citizen Commission of the Town of Trumbull held a virtual meeting on September 25, 2020.

Present: Chairman Marcy Kelly, Michael Ganino, Evelyn Wiesner (entered at 10:11 am) and Jean DaRold

Also Present: Michele Jakab, Director of Human Services

Absent: Ron Foligno and Mark Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Mrs. Kelly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Ganino to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020 as written. Seconded by Mrs. DaRold and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Director's Report

Mrs. Jakab reported the following:

1. Transportation will be starting within the next two weeks for medical appointments and grocery runs. The busses have been fitted with air filters and sneeze guards. Protocols have been developed to protect the riders.
2. The Department of Public Works will be installing safety guards to help facilitate one-on-one meetings with seniors. Staff will be holding one-on-one ZOOM lessons to help seniors connect with programs.
3. Staff is preparing for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday baskets. They are not accepting any donations of food items at this time and prefer gift certificates for distribution to keep exposure low. Status of the toy drive typically held in conjunction with the Long Hill Fire Department is unknown at this time.
4. The Food Pantry is delivering to the home bound who are unable to come in to shop.
5. Friendly phone calls to seniors are continuing to be made.
6. Medicare open enrollment – changes are made every year. Anyone who needs assistance can contact their certified counselor and they will review the individual plans either by ZOOM or in person by appointment.

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7. Energy assistance – this is help with heating costs. This year anyone who received assistance in the past will be getting a little extra assistance and anyone with an overdue balance, UI will be dividing that up over the next twenty-four months. There should be less shut-offs this year.

Mrs. DaRold asked about homebound seniors who need a flu shot. Mrs. Jakab noted now that they are doing medical appointments, they can bring them for the shot. If they cannot get out of the house, the senior center and social service directors are working with the home health care agencies and visiting nurse services to see if they are able to help. She will check with the Trumbull Health Department to see if they are able to make home visits.

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Kelly had no report.

Old Business

Mrs. DaRold questioned when the senior centers will be opening. Some centers have begun to open for a few programs and some are holding programs outside. They cannot open the lunch program because it is a congregate meal program from the State of Connecticut. With the opening of Phase 3, there are meetings in the next few weeks where they can express ideas about re-opening sooner. It will be a slow introduction of programs. She is meeting with DPW next week and will do a walk through the building to get everything ready so that when they can re-open, it will happen fast. There are several protocols that need to be followed such as no open seating where people can congregate, pre-registration for programs is required, screening when arriving at the center, one direction movement in the building and elevator restrictions.

Mrs. Kelly asked if programs will still be offered on ZOOM. Mrs. Jakab noted ZOOM is here to stay even when programs resume at the Center. This is a great way to connect especially with individuals who are unable to attend in person but still want to participate.

New Business

Mr. Ganino noted he finished his last outing at the Farmer's Market and raised a total of approximately \$2,600. Mrs. Jakab thanked Mr. Ganino for assisting with this project noting the money is used for home-delivered meals for individuals in the community.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Ganino to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 am. Seconded by Mrs. DaRold and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk