

Senior Citizen Commission – October 23, 2020

Trumbull Senior Citizen Commission Virtual Meeting
October 23, 2020
10:00 am

The Senior Citizen Commission of the Town of Trumbull held a virtual meeting on October 23, 2020.

Present: Chairman Marcy Kelly, Michael Ganino, Ron Foligno and Mark Ryan

Also Present: Michele Jakab, Director of Human Services, Cindy Katske, Chief Administrative Officer

Absent: Evelyn Wiesner and Jean DaRold

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Mrs. Kelly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

Approval of the minutes of September 25, 2020 was tabled until the November meeting.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Director's Report

Mrs. Jakab reported the following:

1. Drivers are delivering Home Delivered Meals to the seniors in the community. They have already started rides to medical appointments and groceries and hope to get them on the road more. Mrs. Jakab is looking for one more individual who is interested in volunteering once a week for approximately one and a half hours for delivery of meals. Suggestion was made to contact Trumbull Helps for volunteers.
2. They are continuing with ZOOM events. They have six exercise classes, six art classes and five presentations per month including trivia and a book club.
3. They were able to help sponsor and supplement a grant through the Agency on Aging with donations from the community to obtain fifteen senior tablets. The program screens the senior and finds a tablet that works for them and then trains them how to use it.
4. The Center offers drive through events. She encouraged seniors to attend. Drive through the parking lot, say hi to the staff and partake of the giveaway for the day. Some luncheons are being planned and it is open to all seniors. RSVP is required.
5. Holiday donations of food and toys are being done differently this year. To avoid contact with too many individuals, they are collecting gift cards for food or other stores for gift items. Some organizations have been contacted to donate needed food items for the baskets. This information is on the website for the Center.

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6. With all the donations from the community, they have been able to help cover rent for some individuals, utilities and groceries (deliver 35 bags a week). At the beginning of the crisis, they were able to deliver pizzas and sandwiches ordered locally to the seniors in need.

Old Business

1. Mr. Ryan asked if there was any update on flu shots for the seniors. The Health Department has several drive-through events for seniors for the flu shots but has had difficulty obtaining the dosage for seniors. Seniors should check the website for updates to make sure the correct shot is available.

New Business

No New Business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Foligno to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 am. Seconded by Mr. Ryan and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk