

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Commission on Aging Virtual Meeting
Friday, December 18, 2020
10:00 am

The Commission on Aging held a virtual meeting on Friday, December 18, 2020.

Present: Chairman Marcy Kelly, Ron Foligno, Mark Ryan, Evelyn Wiesner and Jean DaRold

Also Present: Cindy Katske, Chief Administrative Officer

Absent: Michael Ganino and Michele Jakab, Director of Human Services,

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Mrs. Kelly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

None.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Director's Report

Mrs. Kelly reported for Mrs. Jakab on the following:

1. The Senior Center and Social Services staff have been focused on holiday giving.
2. The programs continue to be a success with the art classes filling up the most.
3. Ashley continues to offer educational programs on line hosted by local businesses.
4. The drive-through was cancelled on December 18 and will be rescheduled in January.
5. Meals on wheels and grocery bags for seniors are still going out.
6. The food pantry continues to see more and more clients. This has been a gradual increase.
7. Transportation is still available. All passengers are screened that day to make sure they are okay.
8. They continue to check in on their isolated and friendly call program.

Mr. Ryan noted that the Golf Committee recently donated to five different organizations with \$2,000 given to Social Services and \$500 to the Senior Center from the funds that would have been used for their yearly banquet.

Chairman's Report

No report.

Old Business

Mr. Ryan questioned if there had been any updates from the Senior Center Building Committee. Mr. Foligno noted there have been no meetings in the last several months. Mrs. Katske noted all building committees have been put on hold with the exception of the Veterans building due to the current situation with COVID and financing.

New Business

1. Review of the 2021 meeting dates were reviewed. All meetings will remain on Fridays at 10 am. Meetings will continue to be on-line for the next several months but once the Commission can meet in person, some of the meetings will be scheduled for the Senior Center as they were in the past. Individuals will still have the option to meet on ZOOM with a combination meeting.
2. Charter Revision – the Senior Citizen Commission is now called the Commission on Aging which became effective December 1, 2020. Mrs. Katske noted the First Selectman is currently working on new appointments to various commissions. Applications have been received for membership on the Commission which, according to the Charter revision, now has eight members. Up until this change, the Commission had been listed in the Code of Ordinances. She suggested that the Commission research what other commissions are working on to get ideas – how they interact with the director, seniors, research, programs, etc. Mrs. Kelly will reach out to Mrs. Jakob and discuss this initiative.
3. Mr. Ryan inquired about the Town of Trumbull's response to the distribution of the COVID vaccine. Mrs. Katske noted they expect a delivery of the Moderna vaccine when it is released. Tier 1A is first responders and Tier 1B is nursing homes and individuals over the age of 65. There is a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:00 pm on ZOOM, Facebook and TCTV where residents can get information about the vaccine. A ROBO call is planned with more information about this meeting. The First Selectman's office is working on a post card to seniors regarding the status of Town Hall offices (all departments are by appointment only; the Tax Collector's office is now closed to the public with all transactions being on-line, telephone, mail, or via the secure drop box at the Town Hall. The Library is curbside pickup only.) Other information will include the vaccine, notices on the Town website and the Senior Center. This information will be sent to Mrs. Jacob for inclusion in the Senior Center newsletter.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Wiesner to adjourn the meeting at 10:21am. Seconded by Mr. Foligno and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall, Clerk