

East Bridgewater Council on Aging Meeting Minutes

Location: East Bridgewater Senior Center

Date: November 10, 2020

Time: Called to order 6:04 p.m.

Present: Nancy Hill, Director; Robert Ringuette, Chairman; Dee Dee Rogers, Secretary; M. Haines, Treasurer; Susan Muir, Helen Bomar, Peter Andrade, Anne Marek, Rosemary Saccocia, Joan Smith, David Sheedy, Selectmen.

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Anne Marek noted that her name was omitted from the list of those present at the October 6th meeting. Director Hill made note that greeters are needed at the Town Hall through the Senior Work Program, not just a greeter. The previous meeting minutes will be amended to reflect the omission and error.

Joan Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Helen Bomar, all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was made by Mary Haines. Motion to accept was made by Peter Andrade and seconded by Susan Muir, all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Nancy Hill went over her report. It was noted that Kelly has been very busy with SHINE Open Enrollment and will bring everyone up to date at a later time. Kelly has been very busy seeing people in person and on the phone. The meetings are going well. Kelly is completely booked for the remainder of Open Enrollment.

Director Hill stated that October classes that had been held outside have now moved inside. Largest group inside is 7 people, it was noted that people are not clamoring to come inside for programs. Bathrooms are restricted use to one person at a time and are frequently cleaned. The cleaning schedule is posted at the front desk. Doors and windows are opened for meetings.

It was reported that 38 applications were received for the Tax Work-off Program which has 21 positions. Director Hill noted that it has been a struggle to get positions, Cable did state they would take as many people as they could get, the DPW could use 4 – 6 people and Greeters were requested for Town Hall.

A grab and go was held on October 21st with 75 meals distributed to participants. The meal was provided by Perfectly Flavah'd Café and funded by the Cares Act.

A very successfully shredding and drug take back day was held on October 24th. 225 vehicles attended. 150 pounds of medications were collected which also included many containers of sharps.

Today the Veterans Grab and Go was held and was very successful, the meal was provided by Aria's. The meal was in conjunction with Sachem Skilled Nursing who provided a gift bag with a pin and cookies. VSO Christopher Buckley was also very supportive. It was a beautiful day for all. Susan Prendergast planned the entire event and did a great job.

Reservations are required for the Thanksgiving meal that will be delivered on November 21st. There is currently a wait list for pies.

Director Hill stated the COA will be closed tomorrow November 11th as well at Thanksgiving weekend.

A motion was made to accept the Directors report by Rosemary Saccocia and seconded by Joan Smith, all were in favor.

SELECTMAN SHEEDY'S REPORT

Selectmen David Sheedy shared that there will be a special town meeting on December 7th to address the 16 articles that were passed over at the town meeting held in late June, they are mostly money articles. Selectman Sheedy stated it appears the State is recovering from the pandemic.

Selectman Sheedy stated the town will change the Town election to occur after the annual Town Meeting. The Town Meeting will be held the first Monday after the first Saturday in May with the Town election to be held the second Saturday in May.

It was noted that East Bridgewater received a large amount of money from the Cares Act with approximately 75% going to the schools.

Selectman Sheedy stated approximately 86% of registered voters in East Bridgewater voted in the 2020 November election.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Chairman Robert Ringuette shared two of the 12 Commandments of Aging and 4 statements of interest made by Charlie Chaplin.

NEW BUSINESS

A vote was requested by Director Hill to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Katie Cavanaugh as an Associate Member of the COA Board. A motion was made by Susan Muir to make the recommendation and was seconded by Helen Bomar. All were in favor.

Secretary Dee Dee Rogers is to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen on the recommendation.

Director Hill is looking for volunteers on the Board to participate in a Zoom meeting with the Plymouth County Sheriff that will be aired on Cable TV. The content will be on the Safety Assurance calls made by the Sheriff's office as well as other community based initiatives. Anyone interested in participating is to contact Director Hill.

Director Hill stated the Annual Report was due the end of October, she hasn't had the chance to compare it with last year's report.

Motion was made by Susan Muir to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Helen Bomar, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dee Dee Rogers

