

East Bridgewater Council on Aging
Minutes of August 11, 2020

Call to Order: 6:07 p.m.

Present: N. Hill, Director, R Ringuette, Treasurer, M. Haines, J. Smith, P. Andrade, H. Bomar, D. Rogers, D. Sheedy

Absent: S. Muir, A. Merek, R. Saccocia

Minutes of previous meeting: A motion to accept the previous minutes was made by D. Rogers and seconded by H. Bomar. Accepted by all members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasure Ringuette reported that the current balance in the EBCOA Sunshine Fund is 143.34. A motion to accept the treasurers report was made by H. Bomar and seconded by D. Rogers and approved by all members.

Directors Report: Director Hill reported the essential services have continued. MOW has 13 individuals added since March. Some former and new volunteers as well as Nancy and Kelley are delivering 43 meals a day. 3 volunteers are assigned each day to deliver MOW. MOW has 6 new volunteers.

A donation was received from the Fanning family of \$1000.00 which was used to purchase 5 new patio umbrellas.

The Van continues to provide transportation on Tuesday's and Thursday's for essentials and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday to Walmart.

Director Hill stated due to Covid-19 restrictions 4 people can be transported at one time in the large van and 2 people at one time in the small van. It takes several trips to get the job done, the vans are cleaned after every run.

Supplies are good.

There was a "Grab and Go" drive through that was successful.

Paint night was recorded on Cable, participants picked up their supplies and painted with the host which aired on June 29th at 1:00 p.m.

Director Hill found that they had very limited participation with Zoom programming.

It was also reported that there will be more upcoming outside programming in small groups, there were 8 participants in Yoga.

A car parade is scheduled for August 12th in the morning, Kelley, Sue and Stephanie will be there and Director Hill will be there in spirit as she has a conflicting obligation.

Tom Madden and an Ice Cream truck is planned for next week, it is limited to 50 participants including staff.

Director Hill attended a Zoom meeting with West Bridgewater and Bridgewater COA's to discuss local access programming for exercise, educational, nutritional, reverse mortgages, having the DA discuss scams, etc. these will air after Labor Day.

Kelley has been very busy with fuel assistance re-certifications.

50 boxes of meat products are being distributed to those that need extra help.

Savers cannot pick up the clothing from the clothing drive until the end of September.

Director Hill also reported that a new awning will be installed in a few weeks as well as a smaller one over the front door.

R. Ringuette made a motion to accept the Directors report, it was seconded by H. Bomar and approved by all.

Selectman Sheedy Report: Mr. Sheedy reported that East Bridgewater was the first town hall in the area to open to the public.

He stated the schools will open on the 16th of September using a hybrid model.

The Veterans Agent will have a Food Drive in September and has much support from the state elected officials.

Mr. Sheedy discussed the Governors ruling on no more than 50 people are allowed at outdoor gatherings. Mr. Sheedy also stated that there will probably not be any gatherings at the Community Center before the beginning of 2021.

The Library is open from 9 to 3 for browsing 5 days a week as well as from 5 -7 on Tuesday evenings until the first of the year.

A Sanitizer Spray that dries within 10 seconds is being used at the Town Hall and may have one for the Community Center.

There are currently 180 positive cases of Covid-19 reported in East Bridgewater And 20 deaths attributed to Covid-19, 16 of those in nursing homes. These figures are posted on Wednesday's and tracking by the Board of Health. The Board of Health reports to the State. The Board of Health is also responsible for compliance to Covid-19 rules. Restaurants can now be fined for non-compliance. The Town Council stated that people not wearing masks can be force to leave an establishment.

New Business: Director Hill announced Susan Muir's decision to step down from the position of Secretary for the COA. Director Hill stated Susan had been the Secretary for a very long time, and she is grateful for her service. Susan will remain on the Board.

A nomination of Dee Dee Rogers for Secretary was made by M. Haines and seconded by H. Bomar.

D. Rogers nominated R. Ringuette for Chairman and was seconded by M. Haines. M. Haines volunteered to be the Treasurer and was seconded by D. Rogers.

Voting for officers will be held during our September meeting.

Director Hill stated we are in need of Associate Members.

Director Hill stated that equipment that had been loaned can now be returned. Staff will clean all equipment before it can be loaned again.

It was also mentioned that My Senior Center can now do contact tracing.

A motion was made by H. Bomar to adjourn at 7:10 and seconded by J. Smith.
Approved by all members.