

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, July 23, 2020 - Special Meeting Minutes
Bristol Senior Center – 240 Stafford Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010 – Phone: 860-584-7895 **Virtual****

Present: Chairman Dino Bossi, Vice Chairman Larry Zbikowski, Commissioners Dolores Ricker, George Irving, Chris Leigh, Cathy Duck, Sheila Herens, Executive Director Patricia Tomascak, and Secretary to the Commission Jason Krueger

Absent: Council Liaison William Scott Rosado

Meeting Called to order: Chairman Bossi Called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Ricker moved to accept the minutes from June 18, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Zbikowski, All in favor.*

Covid 19 Update: Executive Director Tomascak also reported that we continue to do Meals on Wheels, grab & go lunches, virtual lectures, virtual Bingo, and our Ice cream giveaways. Going by the Governor's guidelines, the Senior Centers across the State remained closed because of the vulnerability of our population. We have done a walk-through of our facility to determine what we can offer and in what manner when we are allowed to re-open, but it looks as if we will be activity driven once we return. In other words, people will come with a specific purpose, and leave once their program or activity is over.

Fundraiser Update: Executive Director Tomascak reported that we have the letters stuffed and ready to send out. We are pairing down our database eliminating addresses that are no longer valid. The Fundraiser Appeal letter should go out in one to two weeks.

Monthly Reports: Executive Director Tomascak reported that the statistics for the past month is as follows: In June, we had 0 participants, Total membership was 5,883, with 17 members' deceased and 2 new members. Our fundraiser total to date is \$0.00 seeing as how the fiscal year has ended.

Executive Director Tomascak reported that our upcoming programs are: We will be doing virtual lectures in July and August. We will be having two ice cream give away days in July and two in August. This is an opportunity to see our membership in a safe way. The Farmer's market coupon program kicked off July 15th. We continue to do virtual Bingo on Thursdays at 1:00pm. There is a Kayak event planned for August, and we are working on a Grab & Go Dinner for Grandparent's Day in early September. The Bristol Senior Center is getting a team together for the Alzheimer's Walk in September. This will be a virtual walk with the hope of having our team walk right at our Senior Center. You can sign up for our team on line at alz.org.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 3:30pm virtually. This is not a regularly scheduled meeting, but will be considered a special meeting.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Ricker moved "to adjourn" at 3:55 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Leigh. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission