

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, January 21, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Bristol Senior Center – 240 Stafford Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010 – Phone: 860-584-7895 Dining Room**

Present: Chairman Dino Bossi, Vice Chairman Larry Zbikowski, Commissioners Dolores Ricker, George Irving, Chris Leigh, Cathy Duck, Council Liaison Scott Rosado, and Executive Director Patricia Tomascak

Absent: Commissioner Sheila Herens and Secretary to the Commission Jason Krueger

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 the December 17, 2020 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Zbikowski, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: none

Correspondence: none

Unfinished Business: Executive Director Tomascak reported that we are hosting a healthy minds/healthy lives group every morning and three afternoons a week. We have had several groups like the photography club, the knitters, and the life after loss groups take advantage of this program. We are also continuing our virtual classes, lectures, foot clinic, grab & go meals, and meals on wheels. This past week we have been very busy assisting seniors with registering for the vaccine.

The Department of Aging is currently working with the Bristol/Burlington Health District to have a drive up vaccine within the next two weeks for people 75 and older. A mass e-mail will be sent our tomorrow regarding this event.

New Business: Council Liaison Rosado reported that he was able to facilitate a place to play for the pickle ball players inside at the Boy's club.

Any other business: Executive Director Tomascak reported that the statistics for the past month is as follows: In December, we had 607 participants, total membership was 4,381, with 22 members deceased and 1 new members. Our fundraiser total to date is \$18,450.03. Executive Director Tomascak reported that our upcoming programs include Bingo, Lectures & Exercise classes virtually, and our January Grab & Go Dinner cooked by the staff of the Bristol Senior Center. We have also been offering virtual programs through Friendship tours and Bristol has had the highest participation numbers.

Council Liaison Rosado commended Executive Director Tomascak for her work on amending the Senior Volunteer Tax Program. The proposed changes include the length of service, number of hours needed, and age requirements. The changes will be voted on at the February council meeting.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 3:30pm in the Dining Room.

Adjournment: Commissioner Duck moved “to adjourn” at 3:50 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ricker. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission