

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, February 18, 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 Sheila Herens, Cathy Duck, Council Liaison Scott Rosado, and Executive Director Patricia Tomascak

Absent: Commissioners George Irving, Chris Leigh, & Dolores Ricker

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

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Zbikowski moved to accept the minutes from the January 21, 2021 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Duck, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: none

Correspondence: There was communication from Therese Pac, Town Clerk regarding the reappointment to the COA for Commissioner Herens.

Unfinished Business: Executive Director Tomascak reported that we have had a good conversation with the Health Director and we have determined that will be safe to open slowly in the next several weeks if the infection rates keep dropping. We would slowly open some rooms as previously planned, but open a few more rooms starting April 1, 2021. We would like to initiate movies, Bingo, billiards, pickleball, fitness room by appointment, and the Recreation room by appointment at that time. It was suggested by the Director of Health that we try to only have one activity going on in the building at a time.

The Department of Aging is still working with the Bristol/Burlington Health District to schedule people for their vaccinations and host vaccination clinics on weekends and Wednesdays. March will focus on second shots while continuing to administer first shots as well.

New Business: Executive Director Tomascak presented the budget for the Senior Center.

Any other business: Executive Director Tomascak reported that the statistics for the past month is as follows: In January, we had 995 participants, total membership was 4,485, with 23 members' deceased and 7 new members. Our fundraiser total to date is \$18,750.03. Executive Director Tomascak reported that our upcoming programs include Bingo, Lectures & Exercise classes virtually, and our March Grab & Go St. Patrick's Day Dinner cooked by the staff of the Bristol Senior Center. We are also continuing with the Foot clinic, AARP Tax Prep, and will be offering a pilot Safe Driver's virtual class sponsored by AARP.

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission