

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Commission on Aging Virtual Meeting
Friday, January 22, 2021
10:00 am

The Commission on Aging held a virtual meeting on Friday, January 22, 2021.

Present: Chairman Marcy Kelly, Ron Foligno, Mark Ryan, Evelyn Wiesner and Michael Ganino

Also Present: Michele Jakab, Director of Human Services

Absent: Jean DaRold

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Mrs. Kelly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers

To be discussed at a future meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. Wiesner to approve the Commission on Aging minutes of December 18, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Foligno and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

No report. Mrs. Kelly noted a sympathy card was sent to Mrs. DaRold from the Commission.

Director's Report

Mrs. Jakab reported the following:

1. They continue to provide food, meals on wheels and grocery bags for the seniors and anyone in need.
2. Energy assistance is still available through Social Services.
3. With the release of the vaccine, they are working closely with the Health Department and the First Selectman's office. There have been two small clinics. Griffin Hospital has a health clinic and they are taking about 1,200 appointments a day. Seniors are being referred there for appointments and are getting in quickly. There are also appointments available with Hartford Health and Yale. All information is on the town website and on the Senior Center web page. At this moment it is 1a and seniors over 75 years of age.

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Kelley noted an individual referred to her by Mrs. Jakab was sent to Mrs. Katske for assistance.

Old Business

No Old Business.

New Business

1. No movement on the Building Committee.
2. Mrs. Jakab noted that Ms. Bakalar, Director of Economic Development, applied for a Small Cities Grant and received funding (\$100,000) for a unique program to provide meals for people in the community affected by COVID. She is working on a contract with local restaurants to start the program. It was suggested Ms. Bakalar be a guest speaker at a Commission meeting to describe the program as many seniors will be eligible. Mrs. Kelly will reach out to Ms. Bakalar for the next meeting.
3. Mrs. Kelly has been calling her seniors and the program is working well. They have several volunteers in this program. The volunteer application for participation is on the Senior Center web site. All Commissioners are able to participate.
4. Mr. Ganino noted he has reached out to the Trumbull Farmers Market to do more fund raising for the pantry.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Ganino to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 am. Seconded by Mr. Foligno and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk