

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
CONNECTICUT**



Commission on Aging Virtual Meeting  
Friday, March 26, 2021  
10:00 am

The Commission on Aging held a virtual meeting on Friday, March 26, 2021.

**Present:** Chairman Marcy Kelly, Ron Foligno, Mark Ryan, Jean DaRold and Michael Ganino

Also Present: Michele Jakab, Director of Human Services and Ronnie Mogensen, Senior Center Clerk

Absent: Evelyn Wiesner

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Mrs. Kelly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Past Minutes**

Mrs. Kelly deferred the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

**Secretary's Report**

Mrs. DaRold had no report.

**Director's Report**

Mrs. Jakab reported the following:

1. Vaccination clinics are being held at the Senior Center in conjunction with the Health Department. They were able to see many of the seniors when they came in for their shots.
2. Clean-up is being done in the building to prepare it for re-opening. A new sign is being installed outside of the building and a directory inside the building to assist the public.
3. Ronnie Mogensen was introduced as the new clerk at the Senior Center. She and Ashley have been running all the programs. Ronnie noted all programs are on line such as exercise and cooking. They have a drive-thru monthly to get people out of their houses and lunch is provided. Bingo is currently virtual but it is expected to be in person, on a limited basis, in May. She is looking forward to having everyone back in the Center in the near future.
4. Shelton Senior Center has been open to the public for a long time. A visit was made to see how they operate under the regulations. Disinfecting is a large part of the operation.
5. They would like to start tailgating and have everyone bring their chairs to enjoy a lunch at the Center.
6. Bingo can use additional help when it is in-person. At this time, they are using an on-line program to call the numbers so that it can be done on ZOOM.
7. Discussions have been held with the town regarding re-opening so that everyone is on board.
8. They are looking into a different lunch program for the future.
9. The home delivered meals program will be discontinued as the grant will be ending. They are currently working with those individuals who have utilized the program to transition them to other programs.

10. The Food Pantry drive through and grocery bag services are going well.
11. The seniors who are home bound have been able to receive their vaccination shots through a system coordinated by the Health Department, Trumbull EMS and the Nursing Department.
12. Donations to the pantry have been amazing. Anyone wishing to donate fresh or frozen items should contact the Senior Center for instructions on how to deliver them. They have been able to purchase two new refrigerators through the donations which allow them to provide more dairy and fresh produce. They are still working with healthy choices with the Food Pantry donations.
13. Mr. Foligno questioned whether the Senior Center had coordinated with the Trumbull High School program for any items they are unable to use from their lunch program. Mrs. Jakab noted she has not directly been in contact with the BOE but donations have been received on occasion.
14. The meditation program is very popular on ZOOM. Many of the programs will remain on-line even after the Center is re-opened.

A thank you was extended to Ashley, Ronnie and Michele for their work at the Center during this shutdown.

### **Chairman's Report**

No report.

### **Old Business**

1. Mrs. DaRold questioned if there was any further information from the Senior Center Building Committee. Mr. Foligno noted they have not met since the shutdown. Mr. Foligno noted they were at the stage of determining the pros and cons of the project, looking at State information regarding road modifications and locations. At this time it would be a solo center with shared multi-purpose rooms.
2. Mrs. DaRold questioned if there was anything that needed to be done or things the Commission could help with to get more people involved. Mrs. Jakab is open to all ideas to involve the seniors and once the center is open, there will be more opportunities to do activities together. Now that the weather is becoming nicer, they will be able to do more things outside.

### **New Business**

1. Mr. Ganino noted he is ready to start fund raising for the Center at the Farmer's market that will open in April.
2. Discussion was held regarding the number of members required for a quorum and if there was any interest in the open seats on the Commission. Mrs. Kelly noted changing the number on the Commission would require another Charter Revision. The last Charter Revision changed the name to better reflect the mission of the Commission and to keep in line with other agencies. She will contact the First Selectman's office to inquire about two applications that were submitted.
3. Mr. Ryan questioned if the town was having any in person meetings. Mr. Chin, from the Technology Department, noted that all meetings are being held remotely at this time. The challenge is having enough space to comply with COVID regulations regarding public attendance. He noted having in person meetings with the public on ZOOM requires technological infrastructure that is not available at this time with multiple meetings held concurrently.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk