

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Commission on Aging Virtual Meeting
Friday, October 28, 2022
2:00 pm

The Commission on Aging held a meeting on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Present: Chairman Michael Ganino, Jean DaRold, Mark Ryan, Alissa Heilbrunn, Nancy Lucas and Debra Gilbert Taylor (via telephone)

Absent: Evelyn Wiesner and Ron Foligno

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Mr. Ganino followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Mr. Robert Abercrombie, 10 Pleasant Street, spoke regarding the repair of the front and back steps. He noted there needs to be a new railing installed in the back because the old one is now too short after the repair. He also noted the trip to the Berkshires this past week was a disaster and will be addressed by Mr. Ganino.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Gilbert Taylor to approve the minutes of September 23, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Ryan and approved with abstentions from Mrs. Heilbrunn, Ms. Gilbert Taylor and Mrs. DaRold.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Senior Center Director's Report

Mrs. Jakab was unable to attend.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Ganino noted the following:

1. The job description for the position open at the Senior Center has been rewritten. It is being discussed by the union and will remain a union position. The position should be posted within the next two weeks. In the meantime, they are using volunteers to fill in.
2. Back steps have been redone.
3. Trip to the Berkshires was discussed. The trip had many problems that have been brought to the attention of the tour company. Overall, it was not acceptable and disappointing to all. He will speak with them again as all participants should be granted some type of remuneration.
4. The second AED that was requested has not been received.

5. ARPA public meeting was discussed. Several residents spoke on various projects. Another public meeting is scheduled for November 17.
6. A FOI request was submitted to the BOE asking for items that are impacting the manner in which the teachers are allowed to pursue their occupation. Mr. Ganino has requested this information also.
7. There has been a notable increase in class attendance and the meal program at the Senior Center. He noted scholarships are available to help with seniors with the meal program.
8. On Saturday, October 29, there will be a food drive at the Library for the Senior Center pantry. Use of the pantry has doubled. Food items needed are listed on the website and on Page 8 of the November newsletter. Ms. Gilbert Taylor noted cash donations are also appreciated as the staff can purchase what they need.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Mr. Ganino noted the next ARPA meeting will be on November 17 and he encouraged the seniors to attend to speak about funding for the Center. It was hoped that additional funding would be designated for the Center to help with all the programs for the seniors. It was noted that 39% of the town is seniors.
2. The Hardy Lane site for the proposed new Center was discussed. Additional testing on the property is being conducted. The assessment done on the Board of Education buildings was referenced and it noted the Senior Center building is 102 years old.
3. Mr. Ganino continues to attend the Board of education meetings. He noted they are looking for volunteers for a Policy Committee and encouraged people to apply for the positions.
4. Discussion was held regarding status of the three projects currently being considered in Town - the Community Center, the Senior Center and the Veterans/First Responders Facility. Funding for the Veterans Center is progressing and additional grants are being considered. Mrs. Katske noted a Phase I Environmental Study was conducted on the Hardy Lane site which didn't show anything significant. A Phase 2 Study is planned to gather further information.

Next Meeting

November 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Heilbrunn to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 pm. Seconded by Ms. Lucas and approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk