

Holliston Council on Aging
Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 7, 2021 - 2:00PM

By zoom: 811 7714 9113

By telephone: 1-646-558-8656, meeting code 81177149113#

Members Present by Zoom (roll call):

Kathy Anguish, Yvette Cain, Frank Caron, Carmen Chiango, Bob Hopkins, Bob Malone

Staff Present by Zoom:

Linda Marshall, Bryan Perkins

Bob Malone called the special meeting to order at 2:00PM. A quorum was present. He read the statement regarding the suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and the authorized use of remote participation. He noted that a roll call of attendance will be taken; that all votes during the meeting will be by roll call, and that any motions, seconds, or discussion should be preceded by the member's announcing their name.

Motion was made by Bob Hopkins, seconded by Frank, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2020, with two corrections as noted by Yvette. Vote to approve was unanimous by roll call vote. A corrected copy of the minutes will be provided to all members of the Council.

The next item on the agenda was the interim report of Senior Center activity by Linda Marshall, Director, which had been provided to members prior to the meeting. Linda pointed out highlights of activity in 2020, and services accomplished during the pandemic crisis. It was agreed this was important information to include with budget requests to the Finance Committee and Select Board.

The next item was a two-part request for funding under the CARES Act. Motion was made by Bob Hopkins, seconded by Frank, to request reimbursement of \$5,141,74 for expenditures for van driver costs for the period July 1 to December 31, 2020, for meal delivery to seniors; and further for continued use of CARES Act funds for future meal delivery (van driver) costs as long as funding is available. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The second motion, made by Bob Hopkins and seconded by Frank, was to request continued use of CARES Act funding for packaging supplies for meal delivery to seniors (such as meal and soup containers, baggies, wraps), as was provided for the first half of the year, with amounts to be reported by Linda. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Linda then asked for a request to the SSF for use of the approved credit card for up to \$500 for the purchase and provision of shelf stable meals, to be made available to the most vulnerable of our seniors in the event of conditions that make the delivery of regular meals impossible. They would begin to be delivered with regular meal delivery with instructions for use as necessary. The motion for this request was made by Bob Hopkins, seconded by Carmen. The motion passed on a unanimous rollcall vote.

In other business, Linda advised Council members that a meeting of the Council would likely be scheduled for the week of January 25 – 29 for review and approval of the 2022 budget. Linda will work with Bob Hopkins to provide an agenda and post the meeting with the Town Clerk, and have the zoom meeting set up.

Bob Hopkins advised that the VFW was going to increase the monthly meals to seniors to 50, based on information from Marty.

The structure of the Screening and Selection Committees for a new Director were described. The position is now posted by the Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM on motion by Bob Hopkins, Seconded by Frank, and voted unanimously by roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robert Malone