

Holliston Council on Aging
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting (Rescheduled)

October 21, 2020
1:00PM

By zoom: 811 7714 9113

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

Members Present by Zoom (roll call):

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

Staff Present by Zoom (roll call):

Linda Marshall, Bryan Perkins, Marty Schneier

Associates Present by Telephone:

Shirley Hopkins

Others Present:

Chris Meo, Town of Holliston; Georgia Papavasiliou, Baypath

Bob Malone called the meeting to order at 1:02PM. 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 (to satisfy the legalities of teleconferencing), and that any motions, seconds, or discussion should be preceded by the member's announcing their name.

Bob requested a moment of reflection in memory of Gloria Marshall, Linda's Marshall's mother, who died recently, and for Linda as she grieves her loss.

The first item on the agenda was the review and approval of the minutes of June 10, 2020, and September 9, 2020. Motion to approve was made by Bob Hopkins, Kathy Anguish seconding, and unanimous approval by roll call vote.

The next item on the agenda was the report of Senior Center activity by Linda Marshall, Director, which had been provided to members prior to the meeting. Under building issues, Linda reported that the new cleaning service is doing well. All exterior doors have been rekeyed.

Linda introduced our new Assistant Director, Bryan Perkins, who expressed his pleasure at joining us. Linda noted Bryan has stepped right up to assume a range of responsibilities. Linda also thanked everybody for their kindness and support during the difficult times of taking care of her mother.

Several donations have been received: \$500 was received from the Joseph W. and Faith K. Tiberio Charitable Foundation, the St. Mary's Church Knights of Columbus made a donation of \$3,500, and the Superette Donation Jar again contributed \$400. Linda has also applied for a \$16,500 grant from Metrowest Health Foundation under the Decreasing Social Isolation In Seniors program to provide tablets and technology assistance and training for up to 50 low income seniors.

Program activity continues, in accordance with appropriate public health and safety standards. We continue to deliver approx.. 45 meals twice a week to needy seniors, as well as continue the transportation program with social distancing in vehicles. A limited number of guests are using the Center on a sign-up basis.

On Tuesday, October 27 there will be a Halloween drive-by cookout; On Monday November 23 a full drive-up Thanksgiving meal will be provided, with dessert provided by the Holliston Newcomers Club. Signup is required, as is a \$6 donation. On Wednesday, December 16 a drive-up holiday dinner from Oliva's in Milford will be offered, in partnership with the Holliston Police Association. Again, signup is required, and a \$6 donation is requested.

The holiday Gifts for Seniors Program is expected to be more important than ever, due to the pandemic. As well as charitable collections for gifts (primarily gift cards), Linda is requesting the availability of up to \$2,000 from our Gift Fund to be used for this purpose. A motion to approve was made by Bob Hopkins, seconded by Frank, and was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The SSF had a limited holiday sale on Saturday Oct. 17, and raised approx.. \$700. There were also requests for funding that were previously approved by the SSF at their October meeting, endorsed by unanimous roll call vote (motion by Bob Hopkins, seconded by Carmen) as follows:

\$250 (from credit card) for Thanksgiving lunch

\$200 (from credit card) for holiday gifts for seniors

\$1,200 (from credit card) for holiday party – funding from a previous donation

Bob Hopkins moved to accept the Director's report; Frank seconded, and it was unanimously voted. (Normally the Director's Report is **received**, per Robert's Rules of Order.)

We were next joined by Gerogia Papavasiliou, Holliston resident and member of the Baypath Advisory Committee. She explained that Baypath Elder Services, our Massachusetts Aging Services Access Point, is conducting its regular four year plan (for 2022 through 2025) and is surveying member Councils On Aging as to the priorities for services. Using a planning matrix to focus discussion, there was lively and fruitful discussion and a number of comments made to bring back to Baypath staff. The Council offered a number of ranked suggestions for services that could be valuable.

A copy of the revised meeting schedule for the remainder of the program (fiscal) year was presented for review.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, due to the Veteran's holiday, with the format to be by zoom and telephone participation.

The motion to adjourn was made by Bob Hopkins, seconded by Frank Caron, and voted unanimously by roll call. The meeting ended at 2:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robert Malone