

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

November 12, 2020  
1:00PM

By zoom: 811 7714 9113

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Members Present by Zoom (roll call):

Millie Bedard, Yvette Cain, Frank Caron, Carmen Chiango, Bob Malone

Staff Present by Zoom:

Linda Marshall, Bryan Perkins, Marty Schneier

Others Present:

Chris Meo, Town of Holliston; Chris Cain, Holliston Reporter

Bob Malone called the meeting to order at 1:01PM. 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 (to satisfy the legalities of teleconferencing), and that any motions, seconds, or discussion should be preceded by the member's announcing their name.

Due to late provision of copies of the October 21 meeting minutes, the approval will be deferred to the December meeting (along with the November minutes).

In his Chair comments, Bob noted the recent passing of Ralph Stover, who will be missed by the Holliston community.

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 local contractor John Gagnon will be working on the replacing and resurfacing of the kitchen cabinets. She noted that all staff are still doing well in difficult circumstances.

Over \$600 in memorial donations have been received in memory of Jeri Chartrand, and \$110 in memory of Gloria Marshall. And Linda announced the receipt of a \$16,500 grant from the Metrowest Health Foundation for purchase of 50 Chrome books and training and service costs to combat senior isolation.

Linda has also applied for a \$30,000 supplemental transportation grant from MAPC for 2021 to expand our service area and transportation capabilities.

A new program called Phone-A-Friend will match volunteers with seniors who would like to receive weekly phone calls to decrease social isolation. A zoom legal seminar is being instituted. And the Center continues to provide approximately 45 meals twice a week and provide essential transportation with strict safety guidelines.

The drive-up Thanksgiving meal scheduled for Monday, November 23, has as of today 126 people signed up. A full Thanksgiving meal will be catered and provided, with the Holliston Newcomer's providing the desserts. On Wednesday, December 16 a drive-up holiday meal will be provided, catered by Oliva's of Milford, with the Holliston Police Association providing desserts.

As in the past, Linda will be collecting for gifts for seniors for the Christmas holidays. Donations to the SSF will be spent as may be received, in addition to a maximum of \$2,000 approved last month from the Gift Fund.

It was noted that next Monday, November 16, the Holliston Select Board will be presenting their annual Humanitarian Awards. Debbie Dupuis, full time driver and volunteer will be receiving the award as nominated by John Cronin, chair of the Select Board, based on recommendations from Linda and Bob Malone.

The following requests for funding from the SSF were voted unanimously by roll call (Frank motioned, Carmen seconded):

Gift cards for cleaners (2), caterers (2), and postman - \$250 from credit card

An amount equal to donations for the purpose, for holiday gifts for seniors

An increase of \$100, to a total of \$350 (from credit card) for Thanksgiving lunch

An increase of \$200, to a total of \$1,400 (from credit card) for holiday lunch

There was no new business. Under old business Bob Malone reported that the funding for interior improvements (carpeting and painting) would likely be included in a capital item request for the Dec. 5 (postponed()) Town Meeting, per Select Board Chair John Cronin.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday December 9. ation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Caron, seconded by Carmen Chiango and voted unanimously by roll call. The meeting ended at 1:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robert Malone