

Senior Services Commission

May 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Luella Landis at 10:33 a.m.

Roll Call: Deirdre Daly Ann Jordan Luella Landis

 Paula Luna Bonnie Sprague

Absent: Shirley Banic Madeline Lowry Linda Polke

 Mertie Terry

Others: Pat Ahlquist, Town Council Liaison

 Amy Saada, Senior/Human Services Director

 Nick Talbot, Senior Outreach Coordinator

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda (to state “approval of the minutes from the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting”) made by Paula Luna; seconded by Deirdre Daly. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting made by Paula Luna; seconded by Bonnie Sprague. All in favor. Motion carried.

Senior/Human Services Director’s Report – Amy Saada

The AARP grant announcement is in June. If awarded, this money will be used for supplies at Cromwell Landing.

Amy will apply for a grant celebrating ADA friendly communities.

There are still a lot of outdoor events include a walking club, art in the park, trivia, games and social hours. This Friday, there will be pizza and cornhole in the park as part of “Fun Friday”.

Virtual programs are continuing.

Limited indoor programming will begin June 1, 2021. All indoor programs require pre-registration, social distancing, masks, and COVID pre-screening. All attendees must sign in using MySeniorCenter and eating and drinking is not permitted.

The Renters Rebate program is now open for those age 65 and older or disabled.

Director of Public Health Update – None

Council Liaison Update – Pat Ahlquist

The General Operating budget passed and the School Board budget passed. There is no change in the mill rate. There were 254 people who voted on the referendum. The commission discussed how to alert the community about voting for a referendum (signage and/or press releases).

The Fire Department budget is still TBD, however the fire and ambulance departments are not volunteer-based and have their own finance director and accounting department.

Tax collection is a little behind. The town expects to receive almost \$1.5 million from the American Recovery Act.

There is \$1 million in the reserve fund.

There is a Town Council meeting on Wednesday.

There will be a specials events facility use policy to address COVID safety.

There will be a discussion to create a charter revision committee.

Old Business

- A. Older Americans Month Celebration – May 26, 2021 – The event will be held at River Landing with a band, food trucks and raffle baskets. There are 70 people who registered to attend. Due to limited parking, people are encouraged to carpool. The rain date is the following day.
- B. By-Laws Revisions – Pat Ahlquist will bring a final draft to the Town Council. Amy told him that it was mostly title changes and “clean up” items.
- C. Update on RFP – Community / Senior Center - The town went out to bid on a Senior Center study. Silver Petrucelli has been selected to look at facilities (buildings, parking, traffic study) at Pierson Park to see what can be done for a Senior / Community Center. Pat

Ahlquist advised the Commission that Silver Petrucelli first needs to do a site evaluation and determine if the site is feasible. The kick-off meeting for Silver Petrucelli is May 11 and the presentation to the board is in August.

New Business

- A. Election of Officers – Elections will be next month.
- B. Senior Center Re-opening June 1, 2021 – discussed during Human Services Director’s Report.

Citizens Comments - None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deirdre Daly; seconded by Bonnie Sprague. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk