

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, August 20, 2020 - Special Meeting Minutes
Bristol Senior Center – 240 Stafford Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010 – Phone: 860-584-7895 **Virtual****

Present: Chairman Dino Bossi, Vice Chairman Larry Zbikowski, Commissioners Dolores Ricker, George Irving, Chris Leigh, Cathy Duck, Sheila Herens, Council Liaison William Scott Rosado, Executive Director Patricia Tomascak, and Secretary to the Commission Jason Krueger

Absent: none

Meeting Called to order: Chairman Bossi Called the meeting to order at 3:32pm

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Ricker moved to accept the minutes from July 23, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Duck, All in favor.*

Covid 19 Update: Executive Director Tomascak also reported that the Governor's office will be putting out guidelines for Senior Centers to re-open very soon. Once we get those guidelines, we will sit down with the Director of Public Health and get a plan for a staggered opening. Every room has already been gone through to get a possible "safe" maximum number of people at a time. There is also a possibility of holding small information sessions to inform our members of what will be expected of them when they are allowed to come back in. We have posted a survey in this month's Senior Times to find out what our members are thinking.

Fundraiser Update: Executive Director Tomascak reported that the fundraising letters have been mailed and we have already received over \$5,000.00 from this campaign.

Dance Floor/Gymnasium naming: Executive Director Tomascak reported that one of our Band members, Sam Kimble had passed away, and another band member suggested that we put a plaque in our Gymnasium commemorating his service to the Senior Center and naming the Gym after him. Discussion ensued and so as not to set a precedent, his name will be added to our remembrance plaque in our hallway with a \$25.00 donation which is consistent with what is done for any of our members.

Monthly Reports: Executive Director Tomascak reported that the statistics for the past month is as follows: In July, we had 898 participants, Total membership was 4,531, with 19 members' deceased and 0 new members. Our fundraiser total to date is \$5,000.00. Executive Director Tomascak reported that our upcoming programs are: We will be doing virtual lectures in September. We will be having an ice cream give away day on September 21 to honor Ellen McCusker who is retiring from the Senior Center after 18 years. On September 11, 2020, Farmington Station is sponsoring a grab & go dinner. We continue to do virtual Bingo on Thursdays at 1:00pm. Exercise classes will begin virtually starting September 21, 2020. The Bristol Senior Center is getting a team together for the Alzheimer's Walk on October 4th. This will be a virtual walk with the hope of having our team walk right at our Senior Center. You can sign up for our team on line at alz.org.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 3:30pm. We will try to meet in person.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Irving moved “to adjourn” at 4:05 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ricker. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission