

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Marjorie Mlodzinski, Vice Chair Nan Wasniewski, Linda Pasternak, Jean Stawicki.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Roberta Avery, Gerrie Transue, Sandy Gaetano.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Liaison Rosemary Coyle, Senior Center Director Patty Watts, Cathy Russi.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marjorie Mlodzinski called this Regular Meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mlodzinski led the Commission members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were requested.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, MINUTES

Minutes of the September 14, 2020, minutes were submitted for approval. Chair Mlodzinski noted that the Diversity Committee's proper name is Ad-Hoc Inclusion and Diversity Committee.

Motion by: J. Stawicki

to approve the minutes with the correction as stated above.

Second by: N. Wasniewski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve with correction.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 CoA

Chair Mlodzinski reported no changes to the budget. There is \$416.26 in the CoA budget and \$300.00 in the Printing & Publications Line Item.

5.2 Senior Center

Director Watts said no deposits were made this month, the year to date total is \$2623.11.

6. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Mlodzinski reported that no in-person meetings will be held at least until the end of the year. Two Covid tests were available last week and will be available again, check the Town website for information or Chatham Health website.

Chatham Health is holding two flu clinics at St. Joseph's Polish Club, one on October 20, from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm and a second for seniors only to be held on October 22, 2020, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Information and forms are available at www.colchesterct.gov.

AARP will hold a *Meet the Candidates* Zoom meeting on October 27, 2020, at 2:00 pm.

The Ad-Hoc Inclusion and Diversity Committee meets monthly on the last Tuesday of the month. The Long-Term Recovery Committee has completed the Resident Survey Report with recommendations and will present it to the Board of Selectman on October 15, 2020.

7. DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

See attached report.

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8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Senior Center Building Committee

Chair Mlodzinski reported the committee continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, that the interior layout of the proposed Center has been finalized and the committee hopes to finalize the exterior design this week for the 14,500 square foot building. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been sent out for a property manager and is due back October 19, 2020. Information about the proposed Senior Center is available on the Town Website. Selectman Coyle noted that a referendum on the Senior Center would probably be scheduled in the Spring.

8.2 Norton Park Committee

The bridge has been completed. N. Wasniewski said they can now go ahead with clearing the site and fundraising. Several donations have been received. A fundraising flyer with donation items and information is on the website and is available from members with donation possibilities.

8.3. Senior Center Resource Guide

R. Avery is making final edits on the Resource Guide and will have a final copy ready for review and, hopefully, the guide will be ready for printing in November.

8.4. Re-Opening of Senior Center

The Senior Center Re-Opening has been pushed to November 2, 2020. Director Watts stated this may change as the date gets closer. Director Watts has been working with Chatham Health and municipal government guidelines and all precautions are in place. The Senior Center will be a different place. No congregate meals, will be served, no in person fitness is allowed but Zoom programs will continue.

9. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

At this time, the committee is at full membership with seven members, however, there are two vacant alternate positions.

10. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

C. Russi stated she has recently moved to Colchester and has been sitting in on various meetings.

Chair Mlodzinski said that after seven months into this pandemic she hopes all will stay safe, stay well and thanked the leaders for directions and guidance.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: L. Pasternak
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: J. Stawicki.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Mlodzinski adjourned this meeting at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

COA Meeting-October 13, 2020

Though our building is still not open to the public, we continue to provide the following services:

- Transportation for in-town and medical rides
- Meals: MOW deliveries (Tuesday-Friday) and Community Café (5 frozen meals delivered every Tuesday)
- Wellness Check outreach calls-these are now happening once per month, unless otherwise requested
- Virtual Programming with at least 1 in-person safely distanced special event per month-Halloween Pizza Party Pick-Up is scheduled this month.
- Weekly communications through email blasts and robo-calls to all members
- Management of the office: volume of phone calls have remained steady. Paying bills, grant reports, management of social media, etc.

Between September 25th and October 12th TVCCA closed their Commissary, where meals are produced and delivered from. Meals recipients were instructed to use their emergency meal packs. Thank you to Valerie Webster, CSC's Nutrition Site Server, who went above and beyond her duties, making wellness checks, discovering if anyone had any food needs and augmenting their supplies, as needed. She even drove to the Commissary to get milk and supplies and rode in our senior bus to deliver whatever was needed to get people through until the Commissary reopened today. I wrote an email letting TVCCA know of her exemplary caring and service.

The fundraiser at Mel's Downtown Creamery yielded us a donation in the amount of \$150.00. The owner, Melanie will be looking to schedule another in the fall. Melanie's grandmother is an active CSC member.

Drive-In Movie Night at St. Andrew's Church parking lot was rescheduled due to weather until Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. We have about 25 people pre-registered. The church will be opening their building so we have use of the facilities. This program was sponsored by Care Partners of CT, who donated \$350 toward this event.

Chatham Health District is sponsoring Drive-Up Flu Clinics at the pavilion at St. Joseph's Polish Club on So. Main St. Appointments can be made through the senior center and there is a registration form that we can email out to citizens. Tuesday, October 20 3-5:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 22, 9-11 a.m. (Seniors Only)

We are in the approval stages of the Regional Reopening Plan, which was developed cooperatively between Chatham Health District senior centers. It is in final draft form. Once Russ Melmed, Director CHD endorses it, we will be sharing with our Town leaders and once approved by them, with our members.

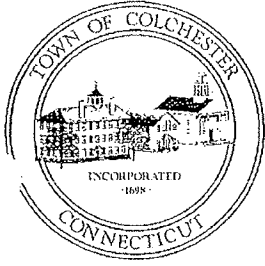
Due to increased numbers of positive COVID tests in town and the outbreak of COVID-19 at Harrington Court, the Chatham Health District advised us to push back our reopening plan, which had been scheduled for October 13th. The new date will be November 2nd, but we will adjust as needed when that date gets closer. If the numbers are the same or greater than they are now, we will have to postpone again.

Friday, we held first interviews for the vacant Program Coordinator position. Maureen Gabrielle, Director of Senior Services for the Town of Vernon and myself were on the panel. We've selected 3 candidates to move forward to second interviews which will be held with HR Director Shannon Ramsby and myself. We expect to make an offer of employment to our top choice by the end of the month once background and reference checks are conducted.

YE grant reports for the Making Memories Program were submitted. We provided 4,286 service units of service this grant year (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020). Client Satisfaction Survey Results were excellent for the program again this year.

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals delivered in August: Community Café: 246 MOW: 345
- Monthly transports in August: 450
- Monthly attendance in August: 780
- Total Membership: 1289



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Patricia A. Watts, Director of Senior Services/Municipal Agent

Transportation Itemization for September 2020

Item	Date	Amount
Daily Transportation	9/31/2020	\$0.00 Total
Trips	9/31/2020	\$0.00 Total
Combined Total		\$0.00
Year to Date Total		\$2623.11

*No Deposits made at this time.