

**Senior Citizens Commission
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2020
Minutes**

The Senior Citizens Commission held a regular meeting on September 1, 2020 outdoors at the Senior Center at 1 p.m. Present at the meeting were members, Chair Paula Friez, Cheryl Udin, Ray Soma, Alternate Corenda Haugh. The Director of Senior and Social Services Carrie Concatelli was also in attendance.

1. Call to order.

Paula Friez called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. Public Comment.

Nothing at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes, March 3, 2020.

Corrections: under section 4 replace “Rick” with “Ric.”

Ray Soma made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, Paula Friez seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

4. Municipal Agent Report

Carrie Concatelli reviewed the changes in the last six months in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. There has been a focus on the safety and isolation of seniors.

5. Old Business

All 300 Anniversary events have been postponed.

6. New Business

a. Election of a Chairman

Cheryl Udin made a motion to nominate Paul Friez for Chairman, Ray Soma seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

b. Storm Review

Discussed the impact of the recent tropical storm on seniors. The biggest concerns were extended loss of electricity, water, some blocked roads, some cell phone service down, and the heat. Water was available at Town Hall after the storm. There is water available at the Senior Center that can be distributed in advance of another storm. Since the last storm additional people have come forward to add themselves to the confidential emergency at risk resident list that the department maintains. The commission considered if there would be any item of use to the seniors in case of emergency. Many years ago Seniors Inc. purchased crank radios.

c. Senior Citizens Month

Consideration of an outdoor event to honor Senior Citizens month (September). Program Coordinator Stephanie Crane is trying to arrange a drive-through event with a theme. Other towns have held similar events.

d. Fall Programs

There was discussion of whether an outdoor program would work for Halloween. The consensus is that a Veterans Program would not be possible this year.

e. December 2020 meeting

Cheryl Udin made a motion to cancel the December 2020 Commission Meeting, seconded by Corenda Haugh. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Annual Report

The Commission reviewed the content of the Annual Report for the 2019-2020 year.

g. 2021 Commission Dates

The proposed dates of March 23, June 1, September 14 and December 7 were accepted unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Ray Soma made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl Udin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.