



TOWN OF VERNON

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MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
135 BOLTON ROAD
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Meeting is being held via ZOOM:
CALL IN: 1-929-205-6099 MEETING ID: 817 6809 3873
PASSWORD: 1027

OCTOBER 27, 2020
9:30 AM

Chairman Carole Slattery called the meeting to order at 9:32AM. The following Advisory Board members were present: Ronald Kane, Pat Iamonaco, William Tyler, Jan DiTarando, Maryann Hopowiec, Patty Noblet, Wes Shorts. Also in attendance: Edward Slattery, Town Council member Bill Campbell, Maureen Gabriele – Senior Center Director and Recording Secretary Diane Wheelock. Absent: Roxann Lannan. Board Chair Carole Slattery welcomed new member Jan DiTarando to the group for her first meeting.

Chairman Slattery called for visitors to come forward for comment during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. No one addressed the board.

The minutes of the Special Meeting on September 3, 2020 via ZOOM were moved by Wes Shorts and seconded by Pat Iamonaco. The motion carried unanimously.

Maureen Gabriele, Senior Center Director shared that while there is no official Secretary's report, the Center regularly receives letters and cards of thanks for the work being done on members behalf during these trying COVID times.

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Wes Shorts, Board Treasurer presented the monthly Treasurer's Report through September 1, 2020: Beginning Balance: \$40,830.63, Bank Balance \$585.00 and Monthly Interest (CT STIF) \$2.76 totalling \$41,418.39. The Annual Yield as of 9/30/2020 was .06%. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by William Tyler, seconded by Maryann Hopowiec and the motion carried unanimously.

No Committee Reports were presented.

Maureen Gabriele, Director of the Senior Center shared that the programs being held via Facebook Live and ZOOM are very successful. The staff are trying to reach as many members as possible through- wellness calls; newsletter; and many of the successful events. Maureen requested that ALL Board Members make sure that they read the newsletter monthly for updates and activities. NEW activities this month of November, 2020: Leah is back and the grab and go hot lunch program is ramping back up beginning November 10, 2020. Veterans Day drive thru recognition is being held this year on November 9, 2020, if you know a veteran please share this information with them. Grocery Shopping program has expanded from just Thursdays to Tuesdays and Thursdays. Because of the limitations of room on the bus we are taking appointments for this program. The Flu Clinics are continuing on Thursday as well.

Maureen shared that she participates in a monthly meeting with all other senior center directors across the state and anything new that is shared we are looking into implementing here in Vernon. Lots of centers are not doing anything at this point, so we are ahead of the curve in many areas.

Winter Closing information will continue to be shared on WFSB, however, we will not be following the school closings as in the past. Schools are working virtually when weather limits in-school learning.

Susan Ward and I do a Facebook Live update segment on Friday to keep everyone informed of the programs and changes at the Center.

Bill Campbell requested an update on the budget situation in light of COVID. Maureen said so far things are on track, however, things change quickly and often.

No Old Business
No New Business

Wes Shorts seconded by Jan DiTarando moved adjournment. The motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is November 17, 2020 via ZOOM.

Respectfully,

Diane Wheelock
Recording Secretary