

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging  
Board Meeting  
May 11, 2020

Members Present: Gail Chalmers, Paula Martin,  
Jean Sheedy, Richard Marton, Peter Cunningham,  
Mihran Keosseian, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard-Jones

Others Present: Martena Gilbert-Liaison School Committee

Gail opened the meeting, via Zoom, at 10:01 a.m.

There were no Minutes recorded from the meeting on April 24, due to technical difficulties.

Director's Report: Food Pantry is up and running.

Gay Nineties event was cancelled but Sheila Harrington will make a state proclamation honoring all 90 plus Seniors.

John Murphy will perform during the festivities. Mihran made mention that

the Food Pantry at The Center was first started to help just Seniors, but they never actually turned anyone away.

Zoom classes will be starting up. Bone Builders, Yoga, Book Club, Craft classes and the writing class are to come soon. Richard also asked about Tai Chi.

Peter said that there are Chrome books available at our schools.

Bail asked if any Seniors did not have wifi access. Paula stated there are I pads available for \$250.

Kathy has a meeting with the Groton Elders on Thursday. Kathy will also mail us the results of the Covid Survey.

Stacey was working 10 hours a week on the van. Now it is down to 1 hour.

All trips around New England have been cancelled for the summer. We will look at it again in June.

There will be three openings on the Board. We will have certain protocol when our programs will be starting. No more than 25 people at a time will be allowed.

Paula suggested that perhaps we hold the Italian Dinner outside. Other thoughts were maybe a Drive-In movie or a concert. We will not presently be able to serve food at any event.

School Committee Report: It is presently a time of financial difficulty for the town of Dunstable. Groton will be helping out. Dunstable will be reimbursing Groton in February. The schools may be returning in September. There is a question of possible dual schedules. Each school district will figure out their own new schedules.

The School Committee is working on trying to lower the cost for taxpayers. Marlana stated that she and her staff are "rolling with the punches."

Mihran mentioned that Peter will be a "write in" candidate for the Select Board. He will also be the Treasurer of Peter's campaign.

Next meeting will be on June 1 at 1 p.m.

Motion to accept Director's and Staff reports was made by Paula, 2nd by Jean. All unanimous approval accepted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paula, 2nd by Jean. All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Helen Sienkiewicz,  
Secretary  
Groton Council On Aging  
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