

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
October 19, 2020

Members Present: Paula Martin, Judy Palumbo O'Brien,
Therese Keosseian, Mihran Keosseian, Jean Sheedy,
Dorothy Zale, Peter Cunningham, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Kathy Santiago

Others Present: Marlana Gilbert - Liaison School
Committee

The meeting was opened at 1:02 p.m. via Zoom.
Minutes from the September 21 meeting were
presented by Helen. They were reviewed
and a motion to accept was made by
Therese, 2nd by Peter. All unanimous
approval accepted.

Director's Report: Kathy hopes to establish a
new Mission Statement review committee.
She asked Mihran to join. He accepted.

Judy will partner with Mihran and Kathy.

The Gibbet Hill dinner this year will be
all home delivery. Food prep day will be
Wednesday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping out please
email Kathy I. Peter asked about enough
drivers for delivery. Kathy feels we
have enough drivers. Lots of folks have
signed up already.

The Groton Connects program is moving
along. We have received additional funding
to make 200 window designs to be given
out.

The designs will display the Groton Connects info. She will also be having weekly Zoom events during the winter. Facebook page will display different captions and sayings.

Kathy hopes to hook-up town residents with Girl Scouts as pen-pals.

The Scavenger Hunt in September was successful. Hope of doing another in the Spring. Great job done by Stacey.

We are in need of a new co-chair.

Mihran nominated Jean Sheedy. Peter seconded the nomination. Jean accepted. We all approved of the nomination.

There is currently a Town policy for no outside groups to meet at The Center. Kathy asked Mark to open up The Center for meetings. Theresa asked if the Women's Club is able to meet here. Answer is yes. Kathy will re-arrange her schedule to accommodate. Paula and Peter were in favor. Jean's concern is clean-up. The staff is currently doing all sanitizing. Mihran suggested that both outside group and staff do cleaning. All names and phone numbers are necessary and confidential.

Activities/Volunteer Report: Classes are pretty full. Exercise classes are also filling up. Meals On Wheels is up to 22 deliveries.

Residents are very appreciative of any programs. We are in need of one more delivery person.

School Committee Report: Martena told us of one covid positive person at the high school. She has learned all about covid protocols recently. The Board of Health has been contacted for guidelines. The superintendant is aggressively working to get good protocols in place. Schools are doing well so far.

Flo/Ro project will meet later this month to view floor plans going forward. Traffic pattern on Main Street should change after construction. No current plan now for a track at Flo/Ro. The fee may be a little lower than \$80 million. The public forum should be helpful answering questions and concerns.

Martena feels we should move quickly to improve the school.

Therese asked about the number of children that are required to quarantine when someone tests positive. She also feels that Groton has done a good job getting the students back to school.

Martena will put the Groton Connects info on the school website.

Next meeting will be on November 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Peter mentioned there may be funding for the Squannacook building.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen Sienkiewicz,
Secretary
Groton Council On Aging
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