

Chaplin Senior Center

Board of Directors

132 Chaplin Street

Chaplin, CT 06235

The Board of Directors for the Chaplin Senior Center met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 in the community room of the Chaplin Senior Center.

Members present: Doreen Bolduc, Neil Muckenhoupt, Walt Zlotnick, Shirley Rakos, Cathy Dietrichsen, Lisa Kegler, Irene Schein, and alternates Ellen Gillon and Ann Lewis. Also present were Roxanne St. Jean (Director) and Victoria Northrop (recording clerk).

As a meeting where the public would normally be present, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was audio-broadcast through the "GoToMeeting" app for any interested member of the public in accordance with CT Executive Order 7s.

- 1. Doreen started the recording/broadcast and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.**  
As Carl Linkkila and Sam Nurme were not present, Ellen Gillon, Ann Lewis were then seated as alternates.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** Irene Schein raised the issue of affordable housing in Chaplin for Senior Citizens in particular. She mentioned that her town committee is working in conjunction with Bill Rose and the PZC to find a solution to the lack of housing for seniors. Those involved are looking at a parcel bordered by Rte. 6 and the Natchaug River, including the Pine Acres Restaurant, the former Casket Company site, and the existing boarding house. The potential development would include affordable housing, normal housing and commercial usage (like a restaurant). The group applied for and received a grant for \$15k towards plan creation for said housing, with aims of getting a large state grant for funding small cities in this respect in 2021.
- 3. Secretary's Report:** Irene Schein made a motion, which was seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August meeting.
- 4. Correspondence:** Roxanne stated that there was nothing new of note.
- 5. Director's Report:** Roxanne then gave the report on finances
  - A.** Cash on Hand: \$347.34
  - B.** Special Revenues: \$23,525.93
  - C.** Membership Status: 316 total members
  - D.** Dues collection: \$35.00
  - E.** Review of Center's Activities:

**The ZOOM Sit & Stretch** is beginning on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mary, Lisa, Doreen, and others will participate. So far 6 people are signed up.

**Curbside lunch program** continues to go well. Bob & Lynn are running things very smoothly along with Lisa. There are between 23 and 40 participants. In addition to lunch, the seniors are also given puzzles, books, and magazines.

Jennifer is continuing to do **ZOOM Yoga** on Mondays at 11 am.

**F.** When the Center reopens, **new activities are planned.** Roxanne got an estimate for creation of postcards to send to all households when the Senior Center reopens in order to encourage new membership and promote the activities to the seniors in town. Postcards would cost \$.30/each. Roxanne explored the possibility of a bulk mailing, but it was prohibitively expensive when compared to regular \$.55 for ordinary mailing on the scale that would be done. Total would be approximately \$412.00 to send it to all households.

A suggestion was made that in the interim, **the seniors be surveyed to see what activities and interests they would genuinely like** to see at the Senior Center, rather than just pushing things out to them. This would be done through google groups and the Facebook page. Irene made a motion accepting this suggestion and Neil seconded, to a unanimous vote in favor.

**6. Building Review:** The physical building of the Senior Center is still in good shape.

**7. Update on Google Group and Facebook Page:** The Facebook page is up and moderated by Roxanne and Lisa. It was suggested that a post be added on how to become a member, and also that the survey question discussed in point F above be posted on Facebook as well.

**8. Other Topics:**

A. Ancestry: Lisa researched the cost of Ancestry.com for the Seniors when the center opens again. There are three tiers of membership: 1. All access unlimited for \$50/month 2. World Discovery for \$40/month and 3. U.S. Discovery for \$25/month. There is a 30 day free trial. Rick Nichols volunteered to help people use it if it was purchased. The free trial would be tested once the center re-opens.

B. Flu Shots: The Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. They will be given drive-thru style. Participants must pick up and fill out paperwork legibly in advance. Limited to Age 50+ only. Insurance and Medicare will cover the shots.

**9. Next Meeting Date:** October 6, 2020

**10. Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk