

Columbia Commission on Aging
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
May 27, 2020

Call to Order: 9:08 AM

Attending: Cathie Rowe (Chairman), Maggie Ewald, Marjorie Golden-Mossberg, Jill Livingston, Lyn Buonocore, Mark Walters (town manager) and Bernadette Derring (Senior center director)

Motion to accept minutes from the April 22 meeting made by Maggie Ewald and seconded by Lyn Buonocore. Minutes accepted.

Old Business:

Bernadette update:

- Senior Center is mainly distributing food at this time. Significant increase in number of Meals on Wheels that are delivered.
- Mobile Food Share has restarted. Distribution every other Tuesday at Horace Porter School. Volunteers help run the program. People drive up with the trunk of their car open and food is placed in the trunk. Last Tuesday there were about 70 cars.
- The I Pads purchased by Commission on Aging a few years ago for the Senior Center are not updated enough to accommodate newer programs. IT specialist has looked at the old I Pads and felt new ones were needed. Due to the virus many Dr. appointments are done by teleconferencing, also, seniors are isolated within their homes. New I Pads which could be loaned out are needed.
- Application of a Senior Resource Grant is being prepared. This grant would help with expenses for medical car and town van.
- Van services to start again on June 20th depending on if sneeze shields have been installed. The plan is for only 3 people and driver on the van at one time. Van will be sanitized after each passenger gets off.
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Property Updates: No new areas located that would be usable for Senior housing.

Medical Car:

Budget for car was passed. Car to be leased toward purchase from Columbia Ford and should be delivered near the middle of June.

Social Worker Update:

Discussion about more regular days and hours a social worker would be available to meet the towns needs. Presently AHM and volunteers have been very helpful in making calls to seniors to check on their well being while in isolation.

Budget Expenditures:

Discussion on Columbia Commission on Aging donating new I Pads to the Senior Center. Marjorie Golden-Mossberg made a motion that I Pads be purchased from CONA budget. Motion seconded by Maggie Ewald. Possibly old I Pads could be sold.

New Business:

Route 66 Corridor will hold a round table conference on Zoom June 4th at 2 PM about various plans and ideas that the participating towns are implementing to reopen. Mark and Cathie plan to join the meeting.

Cathie will pass on the information about joining the meeting when she receives it.

9:48 AM Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Lyn Buonocore and seconded by Marjorie Golden-Mossberg.

Next CONA meeting scheduled for June 24th.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lyn Buonocore