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Human Services Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021

I. Call to Order: Vice-Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin called the October 19, 2021, Human Services Commission Virtual Zoom Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin, Commissioner Lee Ulinskas, Commissioner Karen Saccu and Alternate Commissioner Donna Dognin. Also in attendance: Councilwoman Roxanne McCann

Excused absences: Commissioners Fred and Helena Schwalm

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice-Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Invocation:

Commissioner Donna Dognin gave the invocation.

V. Public Input: None

VI. Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee Ulinskas, seconded by Commissioner Donna Dognin to accept the meeting minutes of August 2, 2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Communications/Correspondence (If Needed): None

VIII. Human Services Report: None

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business:

a. Elections

Vice-Chairwoman Beaudoin stated there wasn't a Town Council meeting this month. Commissioner Donna Dognin and her were not able to get their applications accepted. There are three openings as three commissioners are not coming back.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Karen Saccu, seconded by Commissioner Lee Ulinskas to not vote on the Elections until the November 16, 2021 meeting. This motion was approved unanimously.

a. Christmas Senior Gift Bags

Commissioner Donna Dognin feels the gift bag program needs to be revamped.

A discussion took place about giving IGA gift cards to the seniors.

Vice-Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin stated that Sally Bain-Picard spent approximately \$190.00 on zip lock containers of the \$1200.00 that was allocated towards the senior gift bags.

Thomaston Savings Bank awarded \$1000.00 grant in August.

Vice-Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin stated there are approximately 100 people between Eli Terry Retirement home and Gosinski Park.

The Commission wants to know how many seniors live outside of Eli Terry Retirement home and Gosinski Park. Commissioner Donna Dognin will ask Carrie Tedd.

Commissioner Karen Saccu suggested giving the gift cards.

Commissioner Donna Dognin stated she can give out hand sanitizers from the Veterans Strong Community Center.

100 gift cards in the amount of \$15 were given out in the past.

Commissioner Lee Ulinskas will reach out to her daughter's girl scout leader to see if they can make holiday cards.

Commissioner Donna Dognin will reach out to the schools to see if they can make holiday cards. Commissioner Lee Ulinskas will provide the contact information.

Commissioner Karen Saccu inquired about the Dial A Ride. Vice-Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin will follow up with Sally Bain-Picard to get an update.

A motion was made by Commissioner Donna Dognin, seconded by Commissioner Lee Ulinskas to table finalizing the senior gifts for the holidays to the November meeting. This motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Chairman's Comments:

Vice-Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin thanked everyone for their input and good ideas.

Vice-Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin asked if the Commissioners want to meet in person. Commissioners Karen Saccu and Lee Ulinskas prefer ZOOM.

Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated that hybrid meetings (in person and ZOOM) can be done.

XII. Council Liaison's Comments: None

VII. Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Human Services Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Karen Saccu, seconded by Commissioner Donna Dognin to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Linda Schnaars', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda Schnaars
Recording Secretary