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**Human Services Commission**  
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Human Services Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2022

**I. Call to Order:** Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin called the February 15, 2022, Human Services Commission Virtual Zoom Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

**III. Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**IV. Invocation:**

Vice-Chairwoman Donna Dognin gave the invocation.

**V. Public Input:** None

**VI. Acceptance of Minutes:**

*A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Donna Dognin, seconded by Commissioner Lee Ulinskas to accept the meeting minutes of January 18, 2022. This motion was approved unanimously with one abstention.*

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**VII. Communications/Correspondence (If Needed):** None

**VIII. Human Services Report:** None

**IX. Old Business:**

**a. Budget**

Chairwoman Beaudoin submitted the budget and went over the line items.

Chairwoman Beaudoin reported that she followed up with Thcodora at the Plymouth Connection. The budget amount is \$1500.00 which can be used for the whole year as the Commission sees fit. It will be billed monthly.

Chairwoman Beaudoin will follow up with Carrie Tedd to see what she recommends be placed in the Plymouth Connection.

**X. New Business:**

**a. Senior Gift Bags**

A discussion took place about how the seniors in town can be included and vetted.

Commissioner Mark Malley suggested getting the elderly tax list from the assessor.

Vice-Chairwoman Donna Dognin will reach out to the assessor to find out how many seniors are on the list.

Commissioner Mark Malley suggested sending out a letter to the churches asking if they have members in need.

Vice-Chairwoman Donna Dognin sent over information to Carrie Tedd about a grant from North Central Area Agency on Aging.

Commissioner Mark Malley suggested looking into the Main Street Foundation for grants.

**b. Transportation**

Vice-Chairwoman Donna Dognin stated there is a person in Terryville who can't climb the steps into the Dial-A-Ride van.

Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin will find out if the van is wheelchair accessible and see if the driver is allowed to help her get on the bus.

A discussion took place about getting the woman on the bus and liability issues.

Donna met a woman from UR Community Cares, based in Manchester and may have volunteers.. will follow up on Friday.

Mark said there is an organization in Plainville that drives the senior citizens around.

**c. Veterans Strong Community Center**

Vice-Chairwoman Donna Dognin stated she is looking for a private space to do outreach in Plymouth. She emailed Carrie Tedd to see if she can use the extra space next to her office.

Vice-Chairwoman Dognin will reach out to the seniors to see if she can use the senior lounge.

Commissioner Mark Malley suggested the Thomaston Savings Bank community room or the lyceum.

**XI. Chairman's Comments:**

Chairwoman Beaudoin asked the commission if they would like to meet in person, hybrid or zoom for next month's meeting.

The majority would like to meet in person next month. The meeting will be hybrid.

Commissioner Karen Saccu stated that she asked Carrie Tedd for her monthly report prior to the commission meetings and did not receive it. She would like it included with the agenda email.

Chairwoman Cathy Beaudoin will follow up with Carrie.

Commissioner Karen Saccu asked why she did not receive the minutes once they are stamped in at the town clerk's office.

Linda Schnaars explained the procedure. The draft minutes are emailed to the Chairwoman for her corrections/additions. Once they are stamped in at the town clerk's office, they are emailed to the webmaster and Chairwoman.

The recording secretary will email them out to the commission members once they are stamped in.

**XII. Council Liaison's Comments:**

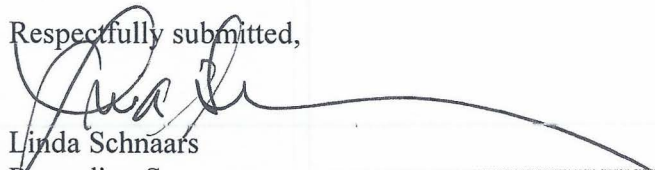
Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she is waiting to get information from Carrie Tedd about the gentleman looking for manufacturing work.

Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the commissions and vacancies are updated on the website.

**XIII. Adjournment:**

*There being no further business of the Human Services Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Mark Malley, seconded by Commissioner Donna Dognin to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda Schnaars  
Recording Secretary