

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

January 10, 2022 held via Zoom in virtual format

Town of Mansfield

Meeting called to order at 9:41 AM

PRESENT: John Riesen (2024), Martina Wharton (2023), Devon Hock (2023), Joanne Sousa (2024), David Stevens (2023), Will Bigl (2024), Nancy Trawick-Smith (2023), Sylvie DelaMotte (2023)

ABSENT: Laura Austin (2025)

STAFF LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Taylor: Senior Center Supervisor, Patricia Schneider, Director of Human Services, Mary Attardo, representing Juniper Hill Village.

Additional Community Members Present: N/A

John Riesen made a motion to accept the minutes of December 13, 2021. The notion was seconded by Martina Wharton and David Stevens and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PATRICIA SCHNEIDER'S REPORT:

- Budget Process has been launched after the Holiday break. Budget is due this Friday to town office.
- Agency Grant applications are scheduled to go out early this week.
- The divider wall is going to be replaced and center will have to be closed for a week in order for the work to be completed.
- Covid continues to be a struggle that has been affecting the staff throughout the town.
- Town did one distribution of masks and tests which was first come first serve. This was the first distribution, but there will be others. Hoping to target the next distribution to populations with greater need.

SARAH TAYLOR'S REPORT:

- Changes made at Senior Center due to Covid numbers rising. Volunteers for transportation have been pulled, and trips have been cancelled as well. Medical transportation will continue however.
- Some January programs have been pulled that are considered most risky. New Year meal, and movie night cancelled.
- WRTD (Wednesday January 12th at 2pm), Medicare, and Dolly Parton presentation will occur in the dining room with participants spread out. Sarah to check if there is the possibility to make these presentations hybrid.
- Last week due to staffing lunches were cancelled, but they are back up and running this week.
- No refreshments will be served during the events due to strict mask and distance protocols.

WRTD REPORT: Will reports that WRTD is going up before the council at 7pm tonight to discuss some route changes. These changes should not affect Senior Center routes.

HOUSING REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Rolling Hills (Jensen's Park): Will reports the sewer continues to be put in. The club house is closed and is going to be renovated for the next 6 weeks.

Glen Ridge: Martina states still working on finding a representative. Going to put up a poster to advertise.

Juniper Hill Village: Mary reports, next residents meeting will be the 4th Tuesday of this month. A new generator is being put in for the cottages so they can use an outlet if the power goes out. Covid tests were handed out last week, first come, first serve. Trying to get more if there is going to be another distribution. There was a holiday party in the dining room which went well.

Wrights Way: Position vacant. Still waiting for representative

Old Business:

- A. Report to town council. Behind the scenes progress has been made. Able to get old commission records.
- B. Housing subcommittee has met, and Ms. Painter will be attending the next meeting in February.

C. Senior Center subcommittee has been met and still working on getting access to the 2020 census records.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION:

N/A

New Business:

A. Discussed Aging in Place vs. Aging in Community and which the COA wants to bring up to the Town Council. Discussed it is best to include both.

ADDITIONAL REPORT:

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.

The next regular meeting is February 14, 2022.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Devon Hock.