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MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION NOTES
April 8, 2021
ZOOM MEETING

PRESENT: Austin Hall, Chris Abbott, Dale Koch, Jerry Kerins, Justin Murphy, Heather Noblin, Wendy Oberg, Lori Murphy, Rosalyn Fahey

ABSENT: Jim Ryan

PUBLIC: None

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 pm by Jerry Kerins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CO-CHAIRMAN'S and COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS: Commission members praised Austin and staff for their efficiency in organizing and conducting vaccine clinics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COVID-19 UPDATE:

a. Vaccine Clinics:

~Austin reports at today's clinic approximately 345 vaccines were administered. Madison and Branford Public School teachers completed their second vaccine, and 25 new people received a Johnson and Johnson vaccine. 5 Homebound seniors received vaccines this week and 1 is scheduled for next week.

~On 4/12/21 a Town Campus vaccine clinic will be advertised on VAMS to take place on 4/19/21. Any eligible CT residents may receive a vaccine at this clinic pending available doses. (First dose only.)

b. Vaccine Rates:

~Approximately 100% of Madison residents 75 and above have been vaccinated.

~Approximately 90% of Madison residents 65 and above have been vaccinated.

~Approximately 1400 phone calls have been made by high school volunteers to Madison seniors to discuss COVID vaccine.

~As of 4/2/21 approximately 44% of eligible Madison residents have been vaccinated.

SENIOR and DISABLED TAX RELIEF: Austin reports the Governor has mandated that anyone enrolled in the state and town tax relief program last year may have it rolled over this year. Only new people or those with a change in income need apply this year.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Heather Noblin and Roz Fahey are members of the committee researching affordable housing in Madison. Committee is presently seeking input from Guilford Committee. Will continue to update Senior Commission.

DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION: Austin has been meeting with Scot Erskine to ensure smooth reorganization of Senior Services and Beach and Rec Departments effective July 1, 2021.



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REOPENING UPDATE: Austin has been conferring with Trent Joseph (Health Dept.), Sam DeBurra (Fire Dept.), and Peggy Lyons (First Selectwoman) to plan safe reopening of the Senior Center. A “soft opening” is tentatively scheduled for 7/1/21 with an exercise program in the café and exercise room with limited attendees. Option for outdoor dining is being investigated. Café dining is tentatively scheduled to begin 9/1/21.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- ~Further investigation will be made regarding feasibility of requiring COVID vaccination and/or mask usage when utilizing Senior Center services
- ~Dr. Kerins suggested possibility of a re-opening event at Senior Center in the future (possibly to be combined with upcoming 10th anniversary of building).

MEETING AJOURNED AT 6:10 PM. Next meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Murphy

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