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MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION NOTES
May 13, 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: 5:30 pm by Jerry Kerins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF April 8, 2021 meeting APPROVED

CO-CHAIRMAN'S and COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS: Justin Murphy reported that Madison Community Services is phasing out medical appointment ride services. Will be directing their efforts to the food pantry. May result in increased demand for senior buses. He also reports of the formation of a facilities group which will gather info regarding town owned buildings and make recommendations as to needs and usage. Will be a liaison with the Board of Selectmen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COVID-19 UPDATE:

- Austin reports the last Madison vaccine clinic will take place May 20, 2021.
- 17 homebound seniors have received vaccine.
- Madison has one of the highest vaccination rates in CT. (almost 100% of those 65+ have received at least 1 vaccine, 67% of all residents have received at least 1 vaccine).

REOPENING UPDATE:

- Beginning July 6, 2021, the Senior Center will begin re-opening. It will consist of indoor and outdoor gatherings, drive thru lunch, exercise programs and activities (all to take place on first floor). New policies and procedures have been instituted.
- Beginning in September the upstairs area will re-open allowing for billiards use, card playing, etc.
- Town policy for mask usage is yet to be determined.
- Dial a Ride has resumed. Medical transport will be offered 3 times per week. New drivers and kitchen staff will be hired in July.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Heather Noblin reports meetings have continued. An architect presented some options regarding shared living spaces, co-living facilities, etc. A consultant will also suggest ideas for an affordable housing plan. Will continue to update as planning season begins.



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DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION: Austin reports there will be a zoom meeting for seniors on June 9th at 1pm which will explain what the reorganization will mean to them. The reorganization will take place on July 1, 2021.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- Lori Murphy asked if there was an update regarding possible reopening of Strong House Adult Day Center. Austin reports he had meeting with Janine Fay, CEO of VNA Community Healthcare and Hospice. Due to space issues, it would be impossible for the Senior Center to house an adult day center in the facility. Maintenance of the Strong House building is a major consideration. Dr. Kerins states the team is looking carefully at options.
- Austin reports that the Madison Senior Services received a certificate of commendation from Madison Youth and Family Services for their outstanding efforts during the COVID pandemic to help ensure the health and welfare of the town.

MEETING AJOURNED at 6pm. Next meeting is June 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Murphy

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