

Chaplin Senior Center
Board of Directors
132 Chaplin Street
Chaplin, CT 06235

The Board of Directors for the Chaplin Senior Center met for a special meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 in the community room of the Chaplin Senior Center. The following members were in attendance:

Doreen Bolduc, Neil Muckenhoupt, Shirley Rakos, Cathy Dietrichsen, Carl Linkkila, Lisa Kegler, Irene Schein, and alternates Ann Lewis and Carol Rose. Also present were Roxanne St. Jean (Director), Bill Rose (First Selectman), and Victoria Northrop (recording clerk).

Before the meeting was called to order, Bill Rose let it be known that, due to the pandemic, any town meeting where the public would normally be present would now be audio-broadcast through the "GoToMeeting" app for any member of the public in accordance with CT Executive Order 7s, and proceeded to audio broadcast the meeting.

- 1. Doreen called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.**
2. Carol Rose and Ann Lewis were seated as alternates.
- 3. The first order of business** was to address the expiring terms of certain members. Irene Schein made a motion, which was seconded and carried unanimously, and Ann Lewis, Shirley Rakos, Carol Rose, and Carl Linkkila all accepted their new term. Walter Zlotnick and Ellen Gillon were not present to accept a new term.
- 4. Doreen then raised the second order of business:** a discussion of creating a Senior Center google group and/or Facebook page.

Bill Rose began the discussion by mentioning the successful use of the google group for the town and mentioned that maintaining and monitoring Facebook pages can be time consuming and requires a lot of oversight. He also stated that the Senior Center will not be included in the next wave of re-openings in the pandemic after June 17th due to 65+ being high risk group. Remote/online and outdoor activities being considered.

Doreen stated that she prefers to use a google group and raised the topic of a socially distanced, outdoor (Garrison Pavilion) continuation of the lunch program, to which Bill responded that this must go through Eastern Highlands health department guidelines.

The members and alternates discussed greater dissemination of the calendar and news for the Senior Center through various online and offline platforms and several people said the immediacy of an online presence is desirable (town web page, google groups, a Facebook page or group, and the newsletter). Neil expressed a preference for google groups. Doreen, Bill, and several others voiced that any google page or Facebook presence should fall under the supervision of a town employee, Roxanne and Lisa in particular. Ann Lewis also offered to assist

with her knowledge of Facebook usage. Neil suggested the seniors be polled to see if they want a page. Catharine emphasized that any online presence may require educating the seniors on how to access and use the site. Ann stated that, in these times of social-distancing, a YouTube video might be a way to do this. After some further discussion about the merits of google groups vs Facebook, and who would oversee and provide content, two motions were put forward:

A first motion passed unanimously, put forward by Catharine Dietrichsen and seconded by Neil Muckenhaupt, that a google group would be created for the Senior Center.

A second motion passed 5 to 3, put forward by Carol Rose, seconded by Irene Schein, that a Facebook presence would be created with the help of Roxanne, Ann, and Lisa, and brought to show to and discuss with the board at the next meeting on August 4th.

Doreen stated that any suggestions people have should be brought to the next meeting rather than sent to her by e-mail.

5. The next meeting date was set for August 4, 2020, location TBD.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Submitted,

Victoria Northrop