



## **Watertown Commission on Aging**

October 6, 2021

3:30 pm

Paul Ericsson  
Cindy Raymond  
Jim Sandquist  
Dave Smith  
Amy Dimmler  
Deb Favorit  
Dawn Plumer  
Mayor Steve Washburn  
Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi

1. Call To Order
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve Minutes
  - 3.A. Minutes From June 9, 2021

Documents:

[MINUTES FROM JUNE 9, 2021.PDF](#)

- 3.B. Minutes From August 4, 2021

Documents:

[MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4, 2021.PDF](#)

4. New Business
  - 4.A. Holiday Dinner Discussion
  - 4.B. Historical Society Legacy Project Update
5. Ageless Business
6. Updates From City
7. Updates From Commissioners
8. Adjourn

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6/9/2021 - Minutes

### 1. Call To Order

Commission on Aging Chair Paul Ericsson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. in room A of the Watertown Community Center.

Members present: Ericsson, Cindy Raymond, Dave Smith, Dawn Plumber (via telephone), Jim Sandquist, Lynn Tschudi

Guest: Alan Hermann

### 2. Adopt Agenda

RAYMOND ASKED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ITEM 4D.

**SANDQUIST MOVED, SMITH SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

### 3. Approve Minutes

**RAYMOND MOVED, SMITH SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RAYMOND MOVED, SMITH SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

3.A. Approve Minutes From February 3, 2021 & March 3, 2021

### 4. New Business

#### 4.A. Elect Officers

Dave Smith volunteered to become chair for 2021. Paul Ericsson volunteered to be vice chair for 2021.

**RAYMOND MOVED, SANDQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO ELECT SMITH CHAIR AND ERICSSON AS VICE CHAIR FOR 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 4.B. Senior Shopping Route - Alan Herrmann (Smartlink)

Alan Hermann from Smartlink, explained to the Commission on Aging that the City of Norwood Young America has a 12-passenger bus they are looking to partner with other cities to provide service to seniors. They are

looking at serving the rural areas of Carver County such as Cologne, Mayer, Watertown, and Waconia. Hermann asked the Commission if there is a need for this service. Raymond asked who would pay for the bus. Hermann said the cost is around \$25 per hour and usually the cities will subsidize part of the fare to lower the cost to \$2 per rider.

Tschudi suggested partnering with River Oaks to services their residents. Hermann will contact River Oaks.

#### 4.C. Member Recruitment

Commission discussed member recruitment.

4D

Raymond reported that she saw a news story about grandparents getting interviewed on their history. Dawn Plumer reported that Scott County had recorded historical stories through a program called End in Mind. She is asking if the group would be interested in offering this service to families.

#### 5. Ageless Business

#### 6. Updates From City

Tschudi updated on the building activity throughout Watertown. She also updated on the hiring of the interim City Administrator Jeff O'Neill.

#### 7. Updates From Commissioners

Paul Ericsson updated on the summer library programs. Ericsson updated that the library plans to continue the virtual programming through the fall for adult programming but switch to in person for the pre-K.

Plumer updated that Carver County Health has been busy with vaccine clinics. There is a J&J clinic at the government center on June 15. You can register early or walk in.

#### 8. Adjourn

**RAYMOND MOVED, ERICSSON SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:32. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

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8/4/2021 - Minutes

### 1. Call To Order

Commission on Aging Vice Chair Paul Ericsson called the Commission on Aging meeting to order at 3:33 pm in room A of the Watertown Community Center.

Members present: Ericsson, Deb Favorit, Amy Dimmler, Steve Washburn, and Lynn Tschudi.

### 2. Adopt Agenda

### 3. Approve Minutes

#### 3.A. Approve Minutes From June 9, 2021

### 4. New Business

#### 4.A. Senior Dinner 2021

Administrative Services Director Tschudi updated that she has reserved a date for the Senior Dinner even if it does not occur. The tentative date is December 7, 2021 at 4:30 pm. Ericsson asked for a reminder of why the event was not held last year. Tschudi said it was because the commission had determined the dinner was more about socializing rather than the actual meal. The commission discussed the possibility of the dinner not occurring for 2021.

#### 4.B. Meeting Format Change

Mayor Washburn said it is hard to stay engaged during these unknown times of COVID and Zoom meetings are difficult. The older group people are still reluctant to meet in person. He said he doesn't feel like the community is ready to completely engage.

Paul Ericsson asked if the City Council has any tasks for the Commission on Aging to work on. Washburn said the tasks are somewhat the same right now such as WeCab and senior housing.

Favorit is in favor of meeting quarterly.

Commission discussed the increase in COVID cases and the reluctance by citizens to socially engage.

Washburn suggested utilizing Facebook Livestream to engage residents in educational seminars and trainings. Commission was tasked with thinking about future topics to possibly live stream.

5. Ageless Business

6. Updates From City

Washburn updated that the City has selected four finalists for the City Administrator position. He also updated on the wastewater treatment facility and the grant the City has qualified for. Washburn said the city has been using a lot of water due to the dry conditions. The City is in need of a second water tower and will be holding open houses to receive feedback on the location. Highway 25 will open on Saturday, August 7 with the wrap up of construction.

7. Updates From Commissioners

Amy Dimmler updated on the fall Community Education brochure, and she said they will adjust the in person classes as needed due to COVID.

Ericsson said the library will continue to have Facebook Live programs. The summer reading program has been successful even though there are less kids participating.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm

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