

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, January 19, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Bristol Senior Center – 240 Stafford Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010 – Phone: 860-584-7895 Room #109**

Present: Chairman Larry Zbikowski, Vice Chairman Sheila Herens, Commissioners Cathy Duck, George Irving, Chris Leigh, Ellen McCusker, Dolores Ricker Executive Director Patricia Tomascak, Secretary Jason Krueger, Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, and Council Liaison Jacqueline Olsen.

Absent: none

Meeting Called to order: Vice Chairman Larry Zbikowski called the meeting to order at 11:04am

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Herens moved to accept the minutes from the December 15, 2022 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McCusker, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: none

Council/Mayor Update: Mayor Caggiano reported that they are looking to expand the Senior Tax Relief program to help out our land owning seniors. Councilperson Jacqueline Olsen reported on the route 72 straightening.

Correspondence: The Town Clerk sent confirmation on the appointment of Commissioner McCusker.

Unfinished Business: Executive Director Tomascak reported that we are still waiting for the work on the slop sink. The coffee shop renovation is finished and we just opened it up this week.

The conflict of interest acknowledgement forms were collected.

New Business: Executive Director Tomascak requested volunteers for a subcommittee to oversee the approval of emergency funds given to seniors in need. This subcommittee will go over the Emergency Assistance Fun Applications as they come in to determine eligibility.

Any other business: Executive Director Tomascak reported the statistics for the past month is as follows: In December we had 3,406 participants, total membership was 4,920, with 12 members' deceased and 10 new members. Our fundraiser total is \$23,140.00.

Executive Director Tomascak reported that our upcoming events include; a Pasta Supper Fundraiser, a Valentine's Day Dinner, a Funny Friday, Free tax help with AARP, Our winter session of classes, and plenty of lectures and trips.

Executive Director Tomascak reported that the budget for 2023-24 was submitted and we came in with a 2.65% increase mainly due to contractual obligations and the rising cost of energy.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 11:00am in Room #109.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Leigh moved "to adjourn" at 11:29 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Duck. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission