

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, April 20, 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, Chris Leigh, Ellen McCusker, Dolores Ricker Executive Director Patricia Tomascak, Secretary Jason Krueger, and Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano.

Absent: Commissioner George Irving & Council Liaison Jacqueline Olsen.

Meeting Called to order: Vice Chairman Larry Zbikowski called the meeting to order at 11:00am

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Ricker moved to accept the minutes from the March 16, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Duck, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: Eric Maack & Josh Sevell were present from KindCare to give a synopsis of how KindCare hopes to impact the community.

Council/Mayor Update: Mayor Caggiano talked about the mill rate and how the re-evaluations will impact our seniors' taxes.

Correspondence: Town Clerk Erica Cabiya submitted three letters reappointing Commissioners Cathy Duck, Ellen McCusker, and Larry Zbikowski to another term on the Commission on Aging.

Unfinished Business: *Commissioner Duck moved to adopt the Senior Resource Guide as a resource for our seniors, seconded by Commissioner Leigh, All in Favor.*

Commissioner Duck inquired as to the next step to get the Building Use Committee's recommendations for the future of our building considered. Mayor Caggiano suggested that we bring it to the Public Works board.

New Business: Commissioner Zbikowski reported that the Emergency Fund committee had their first application for funds which they granted.

Any other business: Executive Director Tomascak reported the statistics for the past month is as follows: In March we had 6,394 participants, total membership was 5,148, with 11 members' deceased and 55 new members. Our fundraiser total is \$23,280.00.

Executive Director Tomascak reported that our upcoming events include; a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on May 4th, Jukebox Bingo on April 21st, various lectures and screenings, a Funny Friday on April 28th, Earth Day cleanup on April 21st, The Senior Olympics from May 1-31st, and an Advocates Tag Sale on April 22nd. We are also teaming up with Brookdale of Farmington for a couple of events at our place and their place.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 11:00am in Room #103.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Herens moved "to adjourn" at 11:28 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Leigh. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission