

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, September 21, 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, Ellen McCusker, George Irving, Chris Leigh, Dolores Ricker, Secretary Jason Krueger, Council Liaison Jacqueline Olsen, and Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano.

Absent: Executive Director Patricia Tomascak.

Meeting Called to order: Chairman Larry Zbikowski called the meeting to order at 10:59am

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Herens moved to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Duck, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: Dave Zabel, 114 Mine Rd expressed his support for the Health Department to move into the vacated BEC center and the Bristol Senior Center to take over the vacated BBHD space.

Council/Mayor Update: Mayor Caggiano gave an update on the timetable for Probate court moving out of the Senior Center, BBHD moving into the vacated BEC space and the Senior Center to put in a capital improvement /strategic planning plan for the BBHD current space. We are looking out about 6 months for the BBHD move, and about a year to 18 months for the Probate court move.

Correspondence: There were four pieces of correspondence. A letter from Jean Goodwin, member, thanking us for the programs we offer, A letter from Darlene & Bob Coffey thanking us for the Volunteer dinner, A letter from Marco Palmieri-BBHD Director thanking us for the contribution to the Dental Clinic, and A letter from Kaitlyn Stankus-Bristol Hospital Associate Director, thanking us for our donation to the foot clinic.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: *A motion was made to table the lone item on the agenda, “Instructor drop in procedures” by Commissioner Ricker, seconded by Commissioner McCusker, all in favor.*

Any other business: Assistant Director Krueger reported the statistics for the past three months are as follows: In June we had 5,134 participants, total membership was 5,227, with 9 members’ deceased and 37 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$23,290.00. In July we had 4,111 participants, total membership was 5,534, with 6 members’ deceased and 38 new members. Our fundraiser total ends at \$23,290.00. In August we had 4,252 participants, total membership was 5,608, with 14 members’ deceased and 74 new members. Our fundraiser total starts at \$16,648.00.

Assistant Director Krueger reported that our upcoming events include; A Halloween Dinner on 10/25, The Friend’s Meet & Greet on 10/4, A Craft Fair on 10/20 & 10/21, An Advocates tag Sale on 10/28, A Bingo on 10/27, and lots of lectures and leagues.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 11:00am in Room #109.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Ricker moved “to adjourn” at 11:20 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Herens. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission