

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

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

Absent: Vice Chairman Sheila Herens.

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

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Duck moved to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Irving, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: Dr. Dawn Leger the City Grants Administrator gave a talk about Community Block grants that are available to city residents.

Council/Mayor Update: Mayor Caggiano gave an estimated timeline for the move by the BBHD into BEC, and the acquisition of the BBHD space by the Senior Center after a question from a resident, Carol Jackson.

Correspondence: There was a letter from someone who rented a garden from the Senior Center thanking us for the water this year.

Unfinished Business: Executive Director Tomascak reported that we are getting quotes for security cameras and phones and horns in every room to use the ARPA money. We are also getting quotes on the Bocce courts and Shuffleboard courts.

Executive Director Tomascak asked for the Commission's recommendation regarding the Instructors holding classes in between our sessions. *Commissioner Duck moved to have the Instructors fill out a contract regarding what days, times and areas they would like to run extra classes to prevent miscommunications. Seconded by Commissioner Ricker. All in Favor.*

New Business: A concerned Bristol resident called to see if there was a way to have a courtesy wheel chair in municipal buildings. We forwarded that request to the Commission on Disabilities.

Executive Director Tomascak reported on the money that has been given out as part of the Emergency Fund. A total of \$761.62.

Council Liaison Olsen brought to our attention that the Gym floor needs to be swept after cornhole because of the dust left on the floor.

Any other business: Executive Director Tomascak reported the statistics for the past month is as follows: In September we had 4,612 participants, total membership was 5,663, with 8 members' deceased and 55 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$19,223.00.

Executive Director Tomascak reported that our upcoming events include; A Halloween Dinner on 10/25, A Craft Fair on 10/20 & 10/21, An Advocates tag Sale on 10/28, A Bingo on 10/27, A flu clinic on 11/4, A Vet's Breakfast on 11/8, A Harvest dinner on 11/29, and lots of lectures and leagues.

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission