

CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, November 17, 2022 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Bristol Senior Center – 240 Stafford Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010 – Phone: 860-584-7895 **Room #109**

Present: Vice Chairman Larry Zbikowski, Commissioners Cathy Duck, George Irving, Chris Leigh, Ellen McCusker, Executive Director Patricia Tomascak, and Mayor Jeff Caggiano.

Absent: Secretary to the Commission Jason Krueger, Commissioners Sheila Herens and Dolores Ricker.

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

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Duck moved to accept the minutes from the October 20, 2022 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Irving, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: Ellen McCusker was present and will be joining the Commission next month.

Mayoral Update: Mayor Caggiano would like one of the other City Councilors to be a co-liaison to the commission in case he can't make it. Mayor Caggiano has said that the Assessor's office just re-evaluated all the property from the grand list causing everyone's home to increase in cost. The City Council will be lowering the Mill rate to affect this change. The City will also be looking to free up more funds to help lessen the burden to senior homeowners.

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business: Executive Director Tomascak reported that the money was appropriated for the coffee shop cabinets with the hope that we can get the work done over Christmas week. We have received our new pool tables. Oakland Mechanical has put us on their list to do the janitor's slop sink. The money was also appropriated for us to do the shade shelters and clean up the courtyard through the sinking fund.

New Business: Executive Director Tomascak stated that the Dial-a-ride program has been very busy this year causing a shortfall of several thousand dollars. We were also cut on the State grant funds this year. We will be informing Comptrollers and the Board of Finance to try and find a solution. We believe this is due to increased ridership and increased fuel costs.

Any other business: Executive Director Tomascak reported the statistics for the past month is as follows: In September we had 4,217 participants, total membership was 4,981, with 10 members' deceased and 46 new members. Our fundraiser total is \$22,845.00. Executive Director Tomascak reported that our upcoming events include; a Christmas party, Friendship tours will be giving a lecture on upcoming trips, gingerbread house making, and different celebratory parties for a lot of the special groups that meet. We are also helping people with Medicare and open enrollment as well as trying to fill our vacant position.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 11:00am in Room #109.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Leigh moved "to adjourn" at 11:19 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Duck. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission