



*City of Bristol  
Commission on Aging*

The regular Commission on Aging Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM. in the Bristol Senior Center, Room #103, 240 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, CT.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting - February 19, 2026
3. Public Participation
4. Mayor/Council Update
5. Correspondence
  - a. Commissioner letters from the Town Clerk
6. Old Business
  - a. Facility Update
  - b. Emergency Action Plan
  - c. Rules and Regulations
  - d. By Commissioner
7. New Business
  - a. By Commissioner
8. Committee Reports
  - a. Emergency Use Committee
9. Any Other Business

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING  
Thursday, February 19, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes  
Bristol Senior Center – 240 Stafford Avenue  
Bristol, CT 06010 – Phone: 860-584-7895 Room #109**

**Present:** Commissioners: Larry Zbikowski, Cathy Duck, Ellen McCusker, Chris Leigh, Dolores Ricker, Sheila Herens, Executive Director Jason Krueger, Assistant Director Taylor Maghini, and Council Liaison Susan Tyler.

**Absent:** George Irving

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

**Approval of Minutes:** *Commissioner Ricker moved to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Leigh, All in Favor.*

**Public Participation:** None

**Council Update:** *Council Liaison Tyler* informed the commission that on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 Congressman Larson presented the City of Bristol with a 3.15-million-dollar grant to be used to build a new Police/Fire training facility. She also informed us that the city is also looking to receive a grant to fund the new animal control building. Lastly, she informed us that the city's budget is still ongoing and touched on what is happening with the Bristol Board of Education's budget.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished, "Old" Business:** *Executive Director Krueger* gave a status on the Rules & Regulations and requested to set up a new meeting with members of that board to complete them. He handed out a volunteer handbook to the commission and informed us that our first ever volunteer meeting went well. He updated us that there is no new news on project timelines, but the Health Department is moving forward and he did do a walk through of the building with Public Works to get an idea of the work that will need to be done for our renovation.

**New Business:** *Executive Director Krueger* informed the commission they will receive a copy of our emergency action plan when it is completed and that the center is planning on having a fire drill and possibly lockdown drill in the next few months. He stated he is getting all staff CPR, AED, and First Aid certified next month. Executive Director Krueger also informed us that he has applied for two grants, one to help with the construction of our parking lot and the other to help fund our toiletry program.

**Committee Reports:** none

**Any other business:** *Executive Director Krueger* thanked the Friends of The Bristol Senior Center for the recent purchases they made including new garden boxes, a new bandsaw for the woodshop, and funding our 2026 Volunteer Dinner.

*Executive Director Krueger* reported the statistics for January, we had 4,823 participants, total membership was 6,104 with 11 members' deceased and 66 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$23,317.00.

## **Bristol Senior Center- Senior Benefit Coordinator Report**

**Submitted by: Carrie Tedd**

**Reporting Period: February 2026**

| Services                               | Total Count |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Phone Calls                            | 297         |
| Appointments                           | 85          |
| Walk Ins                               | 2           |
| Home Visits                            | 2           |
|                                        | Total 89    |
| SNAP Applications/Renewals             | 36          |
| Medicare Savings Program Apps/Renewals | 31          |
| Husky C Applications/Renewals          | 5           |
| Miscellaneous Medicare Assistance      | 4           |
| SNAP Toiletry Program                  | 0           |
| Lifeline Program Applications          | 0           |
| Housing                                | 26          |
| Energy Assistance Applications         | 10          |
| Eversource Discount Programs           | 35          |
| Transportation                         | 14          |
| Title 19/Probate Court Paperwork       | 2           |

**Appointments:** The month of February was a bit slower than January but not by much, we had some snow days so that affected my scheduled client appointments.

**SNAP, MSP/QMB & Husky Health:** Taking in renewals as well as new applications for SNAP, MSP and Husky/Medicaid programs.

**Medicare Assistance:** Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment starts January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. I have assisted a few individuals with plan management.

assistance that I may need on a case-by-case basis that could possibly save a senior resident from becoming homeless.

**Commission on Aging**  
**March 19, 2026**  
**Director's Report**

In February we saw 5,260 participant swipe ins for programs, 6,131 total members, 6 people deceased, 33 new members, and our fundraiser total for 2025-26 is \$23,759.00.

Our upcoming programs include A trivia night on March 20<sup>th</sup>, a Senior Prom sponsored by the United Way Youth Board on April 7<sup>th</sup>, Our spring class registration on April 8<sup>th</sup>, an Earth day grounds cleanup on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and a Healthy Body, Healthy Brain seminar co-sponsored by Bristol Hospital and Kindcare on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our Senior Benefits Coordinator has submitted her report as well. Carrie has been busy helping people with food insecurities, SNAP applications, and signing people up for the MSP and Husky/Medicaid programs.

The community garden plots will go on sale on April 1<sup>st</sup> to returning people, and April 6<sup>th</sup> to everyone else in the general public. Plots are \$20.00 for a ground plot & \$10.00 for a raised bed. We will be having a Boy Scout fix and install additional raised beds.

The Friends of the Bristol Senior Center have been very gracious to purchase garden boxes, billiards room chairs, and a Band Saw for our woodshop. They will also be purchasing a treadmill, cornhole boards, and will donate some money to the SNAP Toiletry program with money that was given to them by the Advocates for Bristol Seniors.

We will be collaborating with Bristol Tech Ed. students to prepare our Mother's Day and Halloween meals.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jason Krueger  
Executive Director  
City of Bristol  
Department of Aging