

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, March 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, Frank Peronace, Executive Director Jason Krueger, Assistant Director Taylor Maghini, and Council Liaison Susan Tyler.

Absent:

Meeting Called to order: Commissioner Larry Zbikowski called the meeting to order at 11:02am

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Herens moved to accept the minutes from the February 19, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ricker, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: None

Council Update: *Mayor Zoppo-Sassu* proposed a program to help elderly and disabled Bristol residents with snow removal next winter. She asked the commission for questions and feedback. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu also discussed the City's purchasing of Chippabee Golf Course, what the status of the budget is, and how she is trying to get the state to increase assistance for children with disabilities in our public schools.

Correspondence: *Assistant Director Maghini* presented letters from the City Clerks office stating the reappointment of Commissioner McCusker, Commissioner Zbikowski, and Commissioner Duck. There was also a letter stating the appointment of Commissioner Peronace.

Unfinished, "Old" Business: *Executive Director Krueger* updated the commission that our parking lot project is projected to begin in April and he applied for financial assistance through John Larson's office to help with the cost of renovating the building when the time comes. Executive Director Krueger also handed out our new emergency action plan asking for feedback and will be voted on next meeting. He informed the commission that we are going to be doing a mock fire drill on April 30th at 10AM. Executive Director Krueger also passed out the new Rules & Regulations for the center and was looking for any feedback.

New Business: None

Committee Reports: *Executive Director Krueger* informed the commission that the Emergency Use Committee approved an \$84.00 request to help a disabled senior receive Meals on Wheels.

Any other business:

Executive Director Krueger reported the statistics for February, we had 5,260 participants, total membership was 6,131, with 6 members' deceased and 33 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$23,759.00.

Executive Director Krueger stated that our upcoming programs include a Trivia Night on March 20th, a Senior Prom sponsored by The United Way Youth Board on April 7th, our spring class

registration on April 8th, an Earth Day grounds cleanup on April 22nd, and a Healthy Body, Healthy Brain seminar co-sponsored by Bristol Health and Kindcare on April 29th. He also stated that we will be collaborating with Bristol Tech Ed. students to prepare our Mother's Day and Halloween meals.

Executive Director Krueger informed the commission that our community garden plots will go on sale on April 1st to returning people, and April 6th 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.

Executive Director Krueger thanked The Friends of the Bristol Senior Center for their recent purchases for the center. This includes a new treadmill, new cornhole boards, and donating money to our SNAP Toiletry Program with money given to them by the Advocates for Bristol Seniors.

Adjournment: ***Commissioner Duck moved "to adjourn" at 11:39 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Ricker. All in favor.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Taylor Maghini – Secretary to The Commission