

**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.

Executive Director Krueger stated that our upcoming programs include a UConn Men's Basketball watch party on February 25th, a St. Patrick's Day Dinner sponsored by Beltone on March 16th, Irish Step Dancers on March 17th, a Trivia Night on March 20th, and a Senior Prom sponsored by The United Way Youth Board on April 7th. He also informed us that we have hired a new temporary nighttime building supervisor named Chris Eaton and he started February 10th. Lastly, he let us know that our AARP tax preparation appointments have started and we are completely booked.

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