



*City of Bristol
Commission on Aging*

The regular Commission on Aging Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 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 - May 21, 2026
3. Public Participation
4. Mayor/Council Update
5. Correspondence
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Policies and Procedures Manual
 - b. Facility Update
 - c. Non-Resident Fees
 - d. By Commissioner
7. New Business
 - a. By Commissioner
8. Committee Reports
9. Any Other Business
 - a. Monthly Statistical Report
 - b. Monthly Programs and Activities

c. Senior Benefits Coordinator Report

d. Director's Report

10. Next meeting is Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 11:00am

11. Adjournment

Taylor Maghini
Secretary to The Commission

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, May, 21 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, Sheila Herens, Frank Peronace, Executive Director Jason Krueger, Assistant Director Taylor Maghini, and Council Liaison Susan Tyler.

Absent: Commissioners: Dolores Ricker

Meeting Called to order: Commissioner Larry Zbikowski called the meeting to order at 11:03am

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Duck moved to accept the minutes from the April 16, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Leigh, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: None

Council Update: *Council Liaison Tyler* updated the commission about the 4.59% tax increase now that the city budget is finalized.

Correspondence: *None.*

Unfinished, "Old" Business: *Executive Director Krueger* updated the commission that our parking lot project is on schedule, to keep a look out for new signage and traffic patterns that will be implemented during the project, and we are looking at October as the end date. *Executive Director Krueger* went over new Rules and Regulations around the "Suspension of a Senior Center Member", Executive Director Krueger asked to table the vote until next meeting on June 16th, 2026 due to additional changes to the gambling policy changes that needed to be made in order to follow state regulations. Executive Director Krueger was asking for feedback on entry fees for the card games conducted at the center. Final approval will still be voted on by corporation council. Request to Table the Vote: Commissioner Duck moved to table the vote until June, 16th, 2026, seconded by Commissioner McCusker, All in Favor. *Executive Director Krueger* informed the commission we will be tabling any emergency action plan changes until after the Health Department construction and parking lot construction is completed, but staff of all departments in the building have copies of the current plan. *Executive Director Krueger* informed the commission on the Resident vs. Non-Resident class registration numbers and stated that at this time we do not see an issue.

New Business: *Executive Director Krueger* wanted to discuss the raising of membership fees and presented data from different senior centers from around the state. It was decided to table and further the discussion of different options until the next meeting.

Any other business:

Executive Director Krueger reported the statistics for April, 2026, we had 5,963 participants, total membership was 6,194, with 10 deceased, and 43 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$24,329.00.

Executive Director Krueger stated that our upcoming programs include an Olympics closing ceremony on Friday, May 29th at 1:30pm, A Family Feud on June 1st, a Fashion and Art Show on June 10th, a Father's Day Dinner on June 17th, and a Volunteer Dinner on June 24th.

Executive Director Krueger informed the commission that the Farmers Market Coupon program will be starting on June 1st and we will be able to load \$40 on to a card per participant. We received a lower number of cards this year, but a phone app is available to download.

Adjournment: ***Commissioner McCusker moved "to adjourn" at 11:52 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Leigh. All in favor.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Taylor Maghini – Secretary to The Commission

Commission on Aging
June 18, 2026
Director's Report

In May we saw 6,214 participant swipe ins for programs, 6,237 total members, 11 people deceased, 53 new members, and our fundraiser total for 2025-26 is \$24,329.00.

Our upcoming programs include a Volunteer Dinner on June 24th, A pasta supper fundraiser on July 8th, a prize bingo on July 17th, a trivia night on August 6th, a summer picnic on August 12th, and a Nonagenarian Birthday party on August 17th. We will also be having a thank you breakfast for our public works and parks outside workers on August 21st.

Our Senior Benefits Coordinator has submitted her report as well. Carrie has been busy with the Eversource discount program and addressing housing needs. She is also part of an interdepartmental probe to address communications between departments.

The Farmer's Market coupon program will be starting on June 1st. We will be able to load \$40.00 onto a card for participants this year. The Department of Agriculture only issued us 17 cards with the hope that people bring back their old cards to be reloaded. If we run out of cards, we have been instructed to help the seniors download the mobile app so the funds can be loaded from there.

The parking lot renovation and the North wing renovations continue. Phase one is complete and we move onto the sidewalk portion very soon. Please enter and exit our parking lots with caution and follow all marked walkways. We thank everyone for their patience with the projects for the next several months. We are seeing steady progress on both fronts.

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

Bristol Senior Center- Senior Benefit Coordinator Report

Submitted by: Carrie Tedd

Reporting Period: May 2026

Services	Total Count
Phone Calls	355
Appointments	111
Walk Ins	6
Home Visits	0
	Total 117
SNAP Applications/Renewals	49
Medicare Savings Program Apps/Renewals	31
Husky C Applications/Renewals	11
Title 19/Long Term Care	5
Miscellaneous Medicare Assistance	8
SNAP Toiletry Program	13
Renter's Rebate	29
Housing	36
Energy Assistance Applications	7
Eversource Discount Programs	44
Transportation	27
Probate Court / POA & Advanced Directives & Wills	13

Appointments: I can tell you that it felt much busier than last month, but numbers were a little short of the previous month, but not by much.

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 did end March 31st but I am still getting calls from residents unhappy with their plan and certain things not being covered or assistance cut in half and or reduced.

SNAP Toiletry Program: We are still waiting to hear back from the MSF on the status of the grant that was submitted to continue the program through 2026.

Housing: I continue to research available privately owned apartments for rent for the many seniors looking for a place to live. I have completed several applications for the Bristol Housing Authority Zbikowski locations as their waitlist was open for a brief time.

Energy Assistance: I did my final 7 energy applications for the 2025-2026 season, as Federal Energy Assistance officially closed May 31st. It will re-open on September 1st, 2026 for the 2026-2027 season.

Renter's Rebate: I completed 29 Renter's Rebates in the month of May.

Eversource: I've been renewing the Eversource Tiered Discount benefit for many clients as they are unhappy about the continued increase in utility charges. They will be changing the discount percentages again; I need to review the changes with my Eversource contact & update my resource records.

Transportation: I have signed several new clients and existing clients up with the ADA Paratransit Program through Hartford Transit District as well as our local Dial-A-Ride. Encompass is another form of transportation for seniors through a special state grant through the Greater Hartford Transit District. I have received several complaints from seniors that they are not getting the rides when they call in advance to schedule, I then reached out to the Director of the GHTD and she told me there is a cap on spending each month, once they reach that cap there are no more rides for how many days left in the month and they encourage only to sign individuals up that are in a non- ADA Paratransit covered area.

Advocacy: I have completed more several POA, Advanced Medical Directives & Simple Wills and Jason has assisted as the notary for most of them. I think offering this free simple Living Will & Last Testament service is extremely helpful to the seniors who are unable to afford a Elder Law Attorney, they have shown great appreciation for this service.