

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

Present: Chairman Dino Bossi, Vice Chairman Larry Zbikowski, Commissioners Chris Leigh, George Irving, Sheila Herens, Cathy Duck, Dolores Ricker, Secretary to the Commission Jason Krueger, and Council Liaison & Mayor Jeff Caggiano.

Absent: Executive Director Patricia Tomascak

Meeting Called to order: Chairman Bossi Called the meeting to order at 11:00am

Approval of Minutes: *Vice Chairman Zbikowski moved to accept the minutes from the December 16, 2021 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Leigh, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: none

Mayoral Update: Mayor Caggiano updated that the City is looking to move forward with the Parks Department to create space for outdoor pickleball courts. The ARPA grants are working their way through the application process. The downtown revitalization should be coming to fruition within the next 4-5 years.

Correspondence: There were 2 pieces of correspondence; A letter from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation requesting that the Commission on Aging participate in a healthy aging survey. Executive Director Tomascak completed this. The second piece of correspondence was a Facebook post from one of our members' children who came to the center for lunch.

Unfinished Business: Assistant Director Krueger reported that Executive Director Tomascak has completed the applications for the ARPA funds for the Bocce and Shuffleboard outside courts and the Emergency Assistance fund.

New Business: Assistant Director Krueger presented the budget that was submitted to the Comptroller's office. We will be going before the Finance Board for approval on February 22, 2022.

The Senior Volunteer Tax Credit program was approved at the January 11, 2022 City Council meeting. The volunteer hours that are required was moved back to 50 hours, but the income limits remained the same.

The Commission was asked to review our special event registration procedures. ***Vice Chairman Zbikowski moved to limit the number of tickets our members can purchase to two with the discretion of the office staff if there are extenuating circumstances. Seconded by Commissioner Herens, All in Favor.***

Any other business: Assistant Director Krueger reported the statistics for the past two months is as follows: In December, we had 3,013 participants, total membership was 4,745, with 13 members' deceased and 15 new members. Our fundraiser total is \$17,042.00. In January, we had

2,617 participants, total membership was 4,771, with 23 members' deceased and 34 new members. Our fundraiser total is \$17,082.00.

Assistant Director Krueger reported that our upcoming events include; A St. Patrick's day dinner on Wednesday, March 9th from 4-6pm, A coin presentation on Wednesday, March 16th, A cooking demonstration on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, A Funny Friday on Friday, March 25, 2022, along with A Triad Spring Conference and Senior Prom in April.

The Coffee Shop Breakfast and Lunch menus prices are going up by an average of 25-50 cents. Menus were given to the Commissioners for review.

The drawings were received for the coffee shop renovations. We are currently reviewing. A request was also made for an automatic door opener for the office door. The Commission agreed that there is a need.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 11:00am in Room #109.

Adjournment: Commissioner Leigh moved "to adjourn" at 11:25 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Duck. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Secretary to the Commission