

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, May 16, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Bristol Senior Center – 240 Stafford Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010 – Phone: 860-584-7895 Room #109**

Present: Chairman Larry Zbikowski, Commissioners: Cathy Duck, Ellen McCusker, George Irving, Chris Leigh, Dolores Ricker, Sheila Herens, Executive Director Jason Krueger, Assistant Director Jaimie Clout, Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, and Council Liaison Susan Tyler.

Absent: None

Meeting Called to order: Chairman Larry Zbikowski called the meeting to order at 11:01am

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Duck moved to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2024 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ricker, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: None

Council Update: Mayor Caggiano deferred to *Council Liaison Sue Tyler*, as he felt he did not have anything relevant. Liaison Tyler gave an update regarding a mailing that went out to Bristol households that was indeed from a legitimate non-profit organization that had been soliciting donations to a national police association. Liaison Tyler wished to warn seniors to research any organization prior to donating funds for financial safety reasons. Liaison Tyler mentioned teaching a personal safety course at the senior center in the future.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Unfinished, “Old” Business: Executive Director Krueger updated the commission on the existing building-use survey that will be put out to members beginning in June. He noted that the questions were open-ended in nature to encourage maximum engagement. Executive Director Krueger commented on the fact that Bocce courts had reached project completion and debuted for our annual Olympics. He added that the Boy Scouts would be looking at building benches, adding crushed stones, and a scoring system as part of an Eagle Scout project. He noted that a shelter would be built at a later time using remaining project funds. *Commissioner Herens* requested an update on the status of Meals on Wheels. E.D Krueger stated that Meals on Wheels was not affected but the caps on daily meals remains at 50 and we are not able to pay for extra meals at this time. He also explained that we have an open account to receive donations for the congregate dining program should any issues arise in the future. We currently have \$6k in funds and are exploring other options.

New Business: Executive Director Krueger spoke on the status of the parking lot project which will be brought to the public works department for collaboration in the new-coming fiscal year. The first step of the project will be to work with engineering on a design. He noted that Mary Fortier had petitioned for some funding and has secured \$50k towards the project.

Any other business: Executive Director Krueger reported the statistics for the past month is as follows: In April we had 3,713 participants, total membership was 5,561, with 12 members’ deceased and 62 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$20,205.00. Executive Director Krueger reported on the status of the Dial-a-Ride grant program to state that it had been submitted and is awaiting approval. Furthermore, we applied for state ARPA funds and were focused on completing the bocce courts. We

are also in the process of preparing for the annual Farmer's Market coupon program. He stated that we have 70 volunteers that have been approved for the Senior Volunteer Tax Credit. Our maximum is 80.

Executive Director Jason Krueger stated that our upcoming events include the Bristol Brass and Wind concert on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00pm. The Korean Vets group will be making grinders as a fundraiser before the event. Our Olympic closing ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 31st at 1:30pm. This event will feature an ice cream social for all who participated in the event. We will be hosting our annual Boutique Fashion show on Wednesday, June 5th at 1:30pm. We are hosting a Father's Day event on Friday, June 14th, sponsored by Countryside Manor from 4:30-6:30pm with entertainment as well by Country Line Band. Our volunteer dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 26th at 4:00pm at the Doubletree in Bristol.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 11:00am in Room #109.

Adjournment: Commissioner Ricker moved "to adjourn" at 11:22 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Leigh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jaimie Clout, Secretary to the Commission.