



*City of Bristol
Commission on Aging*

The regular Commission on Aging Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024, 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 - September 19, 2024
3. Public Participation
4. Mayor/Council Update
5. Correspondance
 - a. None
6. Old Business
 - a. Building Use Committee update
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of out of town pricing for activities and events
8. Committee Reports
9. Any other matter to come before said meeting
 - a. a. Director's Report
 - b. Monthly Statistical Report
 - c. Upcoming Programs & Activities
 - d. Senior Coordinator Report
10. Adjournment

- a. Next Meeting is Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 11:00am

Jaimie Clout
Secretary to the Commission

CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Wednesday, September 19, 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, Sheila Herens, Executive Director Jason Krueger, Assistant Director Jaimie Clout, and Council Liaison Susan Tyler.

Absent: Commissioner: Dolores Ricker

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

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Duck moved to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2024 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Leigh, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: A question was raised by a member asking if there were cameras in the parking lot that could provide footage regarding a damaged vehicle. Executive Director Krueger stated that we do not currently have cameras in place and that even when we do, parking lot capability will be very limited. A second question was raised in regards to whether or not the new Carrier-built apartments are designated as “low income”. Mayor Caggiano clarified that they are market rate apartments.

Council Update: *Council Liaison Sue Tyler* noted that the Jerome Ave. bridge project had experienced a significant delay and that the new target date for project completion is May 2025.

Correspondence: There was one letter of correspondence from Bristol Hospital thanking both the Bristol Senior Center and the Friends of the Bristol Senior Center for their combined donation of \$7,500 in support of the foot clinic services provided to the Bristol Senior Center.

Unfinished, “Old” Business: Executive Director Krueger noted that the results of the building use surveys had come in and the results had been summarized. The information collected will be used for future planning. Executive Director Krueger also noted that there had been 2 requests for use of emergency funds and that our balance was \$211.60. It was further noted that our annual fundraising campaign would supply an additional \$2,000 to the replenishment of the emergency fund. Executive Director Krueger noted that work on the LED lighting project had begun and that significant progress has been made. He also noted that electricians for our camera and intercom system project have been here in the later evening hours to scope out the details of the project. E.D. Krueger stated that an RFP has been put out by Public Works for the BHDD expansion project and that construction is slated to begin early spring 2025. Additionally, he stated that the parking lot project is a work in progress and that the 2 new shelters would be constructed over the bocce courts will be going up shortly.

New Business: None

Any other business: Executive Director Krueger reported the statistics for July and August were detailed in the agenda packet and that the past month (August) is as follows: In August we had 2,710 participants, total membership was 5,637, with 9 members’ deceased and 32 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$20,205.00 for the prior fiscal year and already at \$9,241 to begin the new fiscal year.

Executive Director Jason Krueger stated that our upcoming events include the Health Fair to be held on Thursday, September 26th from 9:00am-12pm here in the gymnasium. Additionally, BSC will its annual craft fair on Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th from 10am-3pm here, in the gymnasium.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 11:00am in Room #109.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Duck moved “to adjourn” at 11:19 a.m., seconded by Commissioner McCusker. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Jaimie Clout, Secretary to the Commission.

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Bristol Senior Center- Senior Benefit Coordinator Report

Submitted by: Carrie Tedd

Reporting Period: September 2024

Services	Total Count
Phone Calls	249
Appointments	92
Walk Ins	15
Home Visits	0
	Total 107
SNAP Applications/Renewals	45
Medicare Savings Program Apps/Renewals	23
Husky C Applications/Renewals	7
Miscellaneous Medicare Assistance	2
SNAP Toiletry Program	16
Lifeline Program Applications	0
Housing	42
Renter's Rebate Applications	15
Transportation	13
Title 19/Probate Court Paperwork	0

Appointments: The month of September was much busier than the last 3 months, but as I stated previously that is pretty normal in Social Services field, the summer is normally Social Workers & Case Workers downtime, except for the pandemic years.

SNAP, MSP/QMB & Husky Health: Taking in renewals as well as new applications for SNAP, MSP and Husky/Medicaid programs. I have seen an increase in phone call inquiries regarding food stamp income guidelines, and qualifications. Many senior residents are finding it difficult to pay for groceries due to the increased cost of groceries and other household bills like insurance, gas and clothing.

Medicare Assistance: I still receive phone calls and schedule appointments with residents to discuss when there Medicare needs and questions. Open Enrollment starts in October, so we have 2 dates scheduled with a member from NCAAA Choices Program and myself to talk to anyone that has questions regarding their current Medicare Advantage Plan, changes to the plans and more.

SNAP Toiletry Program: I have given 16 SNAP toiletry bags and over 40 incontinence products out to clients & residents this month and some just came in to get a few items they ran out of. We gained several new members and clients to the program from DeLorenzo Towers Senior Housing residents.

Lifeline Program: The current ACP Program is officially over, but there is another program called the Lifeline Program where customers can get a flat rate of \$9.99 for internet or a discount off their entire bill of \$9.99, depending on their approval. I have approved 4 members this month for the program. They just need to schedule an appointment to see Carrie and go through the online application process.

Housing: The housing crisis is still the same, I continue to assist senior residents with applications for all towns and types of senior housing. I have created a handout for outside of Bristol Subsidized Housing Resource Guide.

Renter's Rebate: I stopped taking Renter's Rebate applications as of the deadline September 30th and it will be closed until next April 2025.

Transportation: I continue to assist many members with the application process for Encompass Transportation, ADA Paratransit and Dial-A-Ride, as well as sell the discounted ADA Paratransit Ride Booklets. We now have the ADA Paratransit Ride Booklets back in stock, thanks to Jason ordering them.

Advocacy: I have worked with the Bristol Burlington Health Department on several cases involving seniors and advocacy, providing resources and assistance to the best of my ability.

Commission on Aging
October 19, 2024
Director's Report

In September we saw 3,282 participant swipe ins for programs, 5665 total members, 15 people deceased, 43 new members, and our fundraiser total for 2024-25 is \$18,293.00.

Our upcoming programs include The Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 19th at Rockwell Park, our annual Craft Fair on Friday October 25th and Saturday, October 26th from 10:00am-3:00pm, a Halloween Party on October 29th from 4:30-6:30, and a Veteran's Day breakfast sponsored by Shady Oaks on Wednesday, November 6th at 9:00am.

Our Senior Benefits Coordinator has submitted her report as well. She is currently helping people with open Enrollment for Medicare which opened on October 15th.

The lighting project is done, the speaker project is well under way, the shelters should start construction in the next month, we are still waiting for the cameras, and the Public Works department is interviewing the architects for the BBHD renovation. We are hoping to get the parking lot project on next year's project list.

We are gearing up for our annual Craft Fair running next weekend while planning our entertainment, trips, and all around schedule for next year. I have also put a request in to City Council to institute the Senior Volunteer Tax credit again this year.

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

