



*City of Bristol
Commission on Aging*

The regular Commission on Aging Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, 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 - January 16, 2025
3. Public Participation
4. Mayor/Council Update
5. Correspondence
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Facility Project Update
 - b. By Commissioner
7. New Business
 - a. By Commissioner
8. Committee Reports
9. Any other matter to come before said meeting
 - a. Monthly Statistics
 - b. Director's Report
 - c. Upcoming events

10. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting is Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 11:00am

Jaimie Clout
Secretary to the Commission

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Wednesday, January 16, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Bristol Senior Center – 240 Stafford Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010 – Phone: 860-584-7895 Room #109**

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

Absent: Assistant Director Jaimie Clout

Meeting Called to order: Chairman Larry Zbikowski called the meeting to order at 11:00am

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Duck moved to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2024 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ricker, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: Questions were asked of our elected officials that were highlighted in the Council Update.

Council Update: *Council Liaison Tyler* answered questions regarding the Jerome Street Bridge project and the Reworld noise. Mayor Caggiano talked about the new recycling program at Stop & Shop.

Correspondence: 1 letter dated 12/23/25 which was a sizable donation to the Memory Café in honor of Tom & Melanie Barnes and Jarre & Whit Betts.

Unfinished, “Old” Business: Executive Director Krueger provided an update on the status of all building projects. The Bocce Court shelters are currently being finished up, The Camera system is on-line and the speaker system phones are on-line, and they are working on the speakers.

New Business: The 2025-26 Department of Aging budget was handed out to all Commission members.

Any other business: Executive Director Krueger reported the statistics for December: we had 2,430 participants, total membership was 5,664, with 10 members’ deceased and 24 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$18,955.00.

Executive Director Jason Krueger stated that our upcoming events include a Valentine’s day dinner, Classes will start the week of January 27th, we will have several lectures and a Funny Friday. Both Class and Trip Registration went very well.

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Adjournment: *Commissioner Ricker moved “to adjourn” at 11:41 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Herens. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Jason Krueger, Acting Secretary to the Commission.

Commission on Aging
February 20, 2025
Director's Report

In January we saw 3,725 participant swipe ins for programs, 5,760 total members, 22 people deceased, 71 new members, and our fundraiser total for 2024-25 is \$19,100.00.

Our upcoming programs include our St. Patrick's dinner cooked by the Korean Vets on March 12th, The Shamrock dancers on March 14th, a full slate of lectures, an Indian cooking demonstration on March 7th, and a shredding event on April 21st.

Classes are in full swing and trips are filling up fast. We are making use of all of our areas during the day and we will begin to schedule some activities at night. So far the feedback for giving our members access to the building at night has been positive.

Our Senior Benefits Coordinator has submitted her report as well. She is currently helping people renew their SNAP benefits, MSP program applications and answering questions about housing.

The speaker project is complete. We can make the announcements through the phones and speakers. I am waiting on one more invoice for the camera project and that is complete as well. The shelter project is also complete.

We have secured a \$50,000 federal grant to help with our parking lot renovation this summer. BEC is going to be moving back into their own rooms while their school undergoes a roof restoration project. They will be out in June not hindering the BBHD project.

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: January 2025-

Services	Total Count
Phone Calls	249
Appointments	105
Walk Ins	9
Home Visits	0
	Total 114
SNAP Applications/Renewals	39
Medicare Savings Program Apps/Renewals	33
Husky C Applications/Renewals	5
Miscellaneous Medicare Assistance	6
SNAP Toiletry Program	15
Lifeline Program Applications	0
Housing	21
Energy Assistance Applications	11
Transportation	7
Title 19/Probate Court Paperwork	0

Appointments: The month of January definitely picked up in terms of phone calls & appointments.

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: Open Enrollment ended on December 15th and will not re-open until October 2025.

SNAP Toiletry Program: I have given 15 SNAP toiletry bags and over 33 incontinence products out to clients & residents this month and some just came in to get a few items they ran out of. I have limited the laundry detergent and cleaning spray to ever other month, because it says 22 loads one bottle can do.

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 and continue to update it as I investigate new opportunities for subsidized and affordable housing.

Energy Assistance: This is the busy time for Energy Assistance appointments, I continue to process applications and set new appointments, I try and set all my oil & propane customers the first 3 months and then electric & gas throughout the remaining months of the program.

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: Jason was so kind to purchase a 9-slot wall mounted magazine rack that Jeff hung outside on the wall to the right before you enter the main office door at the Senior Center. I have done some research on topics that are most frequent in the aging community and have printed out booklets pertaining to that specific topic or question.

Example Topics: The Beginner's Guide to Power of Attorney for Elderly Parents, How much does homecare cost and another one is How to know when your elderly parents need help at home and when to intervene. There are 9 different topics and I will rotate new ones as I see which topics are being taken most and change the one that are not going as fast. Check it out as you are passing by.