



*City of Bristol
Commission on Aging*

The regular Commission on Aging Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 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 - January 15, 2026
3. Public Participation
4. Mayor/Council Update
5. Correspondence
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Rules & Regulations
 - b. Volunteer Handbook
 - c. Facility Update
 - d. By Commissioner
7. New Business
 - a. Emergency Action Plan
 - b. Staff CPR/AED
 - c. Grants
 - d. By Commissioner
8. Any Other Business

- a. Monthly Statistical Report
 - b. Monthly Programs & Activities
 - c. Senior Benefits Coordinator Report
 - d. Directors Report
9. Next Meeting is March 19, 2026, at 11:00AM in Room 109
10. Adjournment

Taylor Maghini
Secretary to the Commission

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, January 15, 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, Dolores Ricker, Sheila Herens, George Irving, Executive Director Jason Krueger, Assistant Director Taylor Maghini, and Council Liaison Susan Tyler.

Absent: None.

Meeting Called to order: Commissioner Larry Zbikowski called the meeting to order at 11:02am

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Ricker moved to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Duck, All in Favor.*

Public Participation: None

Council Update: *Council Liaison Tyler* reminded the commission that the Senior Volunteer Tax Credit will be available February 1st 2026. She also informed us that City Council voted to move forward with the renovation for the Health Department of the old Pre-K Building.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished, "Old" Business: *Executive Director Krueger* gave a status on the Rules & Regulations updates and that when it is completed, we will take it to the Commission and City Council for approval. He also gave a breakdown of the walkthrough of the plans for the expansion with Public Works.

New Business: *Executive Director Krueger* informed the commission we hired Eric Kozikowski as our evening maintenance employee. He informed us that our evening employee Randy is out due to medical issues so a temporary employee job was posted.

Committee Reports: none

Any other business: *Executive Director Krueger* reported the statistics for December, we had 4,070 participants, total membership was 6,055 with 20 members' deceased and 36 new members. Our fundraiser total was at \$23,317.00.

Executive Director Krueger stated that our upcoming programs include a comedy magic show on January 16th, Our Trip Registration on January 21st, a Card Making class on January 29th, a volunteer gathering on February 4th, a Valentine's Dinner on February 11th, and a Chocolates & Coffee Lecture on February 13th. We are closed on January 19th for MLK Day. He informed the commission that the Senior Center will be offering 45 classes this January for our Winter Session, and our Free Tax Preparation by AARP is starting in February.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Duck moved "to adjourn" at 11:23 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Herens. All in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Taylor Maghini – Secretary to The Commission

Bristol Senior Center- Senior Benefit Coordinator Report

Submitted by: Carrie Tedd

Reporting Period: January 2026

Services	Total Count
Phone Calls	309
Appointments	98
Walk Ins	3
Home Visits	2
	Total 103
SNAP Applications/Renewals	38
Medicare Savings Program Apps/Renewals	40
Husky C Applications/Renewals	8
Miscellaneous Medicare Assistance	0
SNAP Toiletry Program	3
Lifeline Program Applications	0
Housing	26
Energy Assistance Applications	11
Eversource Discount Programs	33
Transportation	12
Title 19/Probate Court Paperwork	3

Appointments: The month of January started off strong with 103 appointments which was definitely busier than the month before, but this department has been consistently busy and I do not foresee it slowing down anytime soon.

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 starts January 1st and ends March 31st. I have assisted a few individuals with plan management.

SNAP Toiletry Program: I have provided 3 individuals with items left over in the SNAP Toiletry closet; I plan on writing a grant in February to fund the program throughout 2026.

Housing: I continue to research available privately owned apartments for rent for the many seniors looking for a place to live. The homelessness situation is still affecting so many senior residents and will continue as the rental market continues to get higher and higher.

Energy Assistance: I have done 11 Federal Energy Assistance applications this month, majority are oil heating residents, as I encourage all my deliverable fuel clients to schedule the first month energy assistance opens up as their window to receive oil ends by March 31st.

Eversource: I've been renewing the Eversource Tiered Discount benefit for many clients and they are unhappy about the discount changes to the program, which is understandable considering the cost of the electricity today.

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.

Advocacy: I went on an Emergency Home Visit requested by the mayor to assist an individual with food insecurity and a second visit to drop off a raised toilet seat, bed assist bar and foot stool that he needed since hip surgery. I have assisted the Bristol Burlington Health Department Outreach Worker and nurses on several of their cases whether it be assistance with transportation for their client cases, applications for DSS, DDS & DMHAS & other resources their clients are requiring.

**Commission on Aging
February 19, 2026
Director's Report**

In January we saw 4,823 participant swipe ins for programs, 6,104 total members, 11 people deceased, 66 new members, and our fundraiser total for 2025-26 is \$23,317.00.

Our upcoming programs include A UCONN men's basketball watch party on February 25th, A St. Patrick's Day Dinner sponsored by Beltone on March 16th, Irish Step Dancers on March 17th, A trivia night on March 20th, and a Senior Prom sponsored by the United Way Youth Board on April 7th.

Our Senior Benefits Coordinator has submitted her report as well. Carrie has been busy with getting housing information out and advocacy. She has gone on a couple of home visits with the Health Department in an advisory role.

We have hired a temp night building supervisor. We would like to welcome Chris Eaton to our staff. Chris started on February 22nd.

Free Tax Preparation conducted by AARP is happening on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have filled all of our slots.

We have held a volunteer meeting with over 100 volunteers in attendance so that we could rollout our volunteer handbook. We received excellent questions and the information that we presented was well received.

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