

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE KILLINGWORTH
COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Killingworth Town Hall/Remote Teams Access

Members in Attendance: Joan Gay, Bill Joyce, Margaret Tobelman and Ex-officio Member, Mercedes Riccuiti, Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Members Absent: Cheryl Fine, Joyce Mason

Visitors: Sandy Allard (Via Remote), Kate Moran, Jean Panciera, Amy Roberts-Perry, Mary Solera and Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)

Called to Order: The meeting was Called to Order at 5:45 p.m. by Joan Gay, Chair

Roll Call: Chair Gay took a Roll Call of all Committee Members and Visitors who were in Attendance. She welcomed Margaret Tobelman and Cheryl Fine who are newly appointed to the Committee.

Communication: Chair Gay received the following Communications:

- Email from Marcel Couture, Board Finance Vice-Chair, to provide information about the COA for the Annual Report. Chair Gay provided copies of what was sent;
- Email from Sandy Allard providing information for Food for Thought sponsored by Shoreline Eldercare Alliance;
- Email from Amy Roberts-Perry regarding Tax Credits for low-income elderly and/or total disabled homeowners

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1 - Joan Gay *Moved* and Bill Joyce *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Committee on Aging Special Meeting that was held on January 17, 2024 as presented.

Voting to Approve: J. Gay, B. Joyce

Voting to Abstain: M. Tobelman

Motion passed (2-0-1).

Approval of Clerk Invoice:

Motion #2 - Margaret Tobelman *Moved* and Bill Joyce *Seconded* a motion to approve the Clerk's Invoice in the amount of \$270.00 as presented.

Voting to Approve: J. Gay, B. Joyce, M. Tobelman

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Report from Municipal Agent for the Elderly - Mercedes Riccuiti:

Mercedes Riccuiti reported that clients filled out applications in order to receive a 10% credit on the Eversource/Water bill.

2024-2025 Budget:

Chair Gay reported that she presented the Committee's Proposed Budget and comments from the Survey to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Reports:

Survey Summary Outreach:

Chair Gay reported that she met with the following Organizations to discuss the Results of the Summary:

- 1/22/2024 Board of Selectmen
- 2/12/2024 River Valley Transit
- 2/20/2024 HK Recreation Department
- 2/20/2024 Planning and Zoning Commission
- 1/21/2024 Beechwood and River Valley Transit Transportation Planner, Brendan Geraghty
- Haddam Killingworth Youth and Family Services.

Information Emails containing the Senior Survey Summary Results were sent to:

- Board of Finance
- Health and Safety Committee
- Killingworth members on the Region 17 Board of Education

Senior Survey Follow-up:

Chair Gay stated that the Committee needs to follow-up on all the comments that were made regarding programs and activities. The consensus was to have a discussion to identify what could be done. Chair Gay will send the specific comments from the Survey and the Table of Prioritized items to COA members and researchers prior to the March meeting.

Communication Strategy: Chair Gay thanked Mercedes and Bill for providing their list of suggestions. Chair Gay compiled them into categories:

1. Publications: The Source, HK Now, Beechwood Newsletter
2. Informational Websites: Town of Killingworth Website, AllThingsKillingworth Website
3. Killingworth Facebook Pages for Announcements: Killingworth Connection, Killingworth Stomping Grounds

4. Churches: The Congressional Church, The Emmanuel Church, The Episcopal Church, Living Rock Church, The St. Lawrence Church

Mercedes suggested adding The Connecticut Examiner.

Health: Chair Gay asked for Margaret's assistance in organizing the Health document that Joyce Mason and her Researcher Group put together in order to distribute publicly.

Recreation/Programs: This was addressed under Senior Survey Follow-up.

Old Business: No Report.

New Business: Chair Gay advised that an election for Secretary will be on the March Agenda.

Bill Joyce suggested looking into Grants in order to fund Senior programs/activities. Chair Gay suggested this can be done via the role of the part-time Senior Coordinator.

Amy Roberts-Perry suggested the Committee should be looking at and considering three types of phases: early, mid and late retirement.

Chair Gay invited Michelle Puzzo from Community Cares to the next Committee on Aging meeting.

Chair Gay reported that the Killingworth Women's Organization is holding a 5-week session on Healthy Brain Series.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2024:

The next Committee on Aging meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at the Killingworth Town Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Chair Gay adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Clerk