

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE KILLINGWORTH**  
**COMMITTEE ON AGING**  
**Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Killingworth Town Hall**

**Members in Attendance:** Joan Gay, Cheryl Fine, Bill Joyce (Arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Joyce Mason

**Members Absent:** Margaret Tobelman and Ex-officio Member, Mercedes Riccuiti, Municipal Agent for the Elderly

**Visitors:** Kate Moran and Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)

**Called to Order:** The meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Joan Gay, Chair

**Roll Call:** Chair Gay took a Roll Call of all Committee Members and Visitors that were in attendance during tonight's meeting.

**Communications:** No Report.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion #1 - Bill Joyce *Moved* and Joyce Mason *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Committee on Aging Meeting that was held on September 25, 2024 as presented.

Voting to Approve: J. Gay, C. Fine, B. Joyce, J. Mason

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

**Approval of Clerk's Invoice:**

Motion #2 - Cheryl Fine *Moved* and Bill Joyce *Seconded* a motion to approve the Clerk's Invoice in the amount of \$80.00 as presented.

Voting to Approve: J. Gay, C. Fine, B. Joyce, J. Mason

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

**Approval of Invoice:**

Motion #3- Joyce Mason *Moved* and Cheryl Fine *Seconded* a motion to approve the Invoice from Bill Joyce in the amount of \$39.16 for the water and cookies he provided to the Medicare Roundtable event as presented.

Voting to Approve: J. Gay, C. Fine, B. Joyce, J. Mason

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0)

**Report from Municipal Agent for the Elderly:**

Mercedes Riccuti, who wasn't in attendance for tonight's meeting, gave her report to Chair Gay. She reported that the Fuel Assistance program has been rough this year, noting that it has been the worst that she can remember in the past 10 years that she has been administering it. Mercedes reported completing 50 applications thus far, and further reported that the State has changed the document requirements without informing her, noting some applications submitted have been questioned. Mercedes also advised that the process for submitting an application on the computer has been running slower with only four applicants having been approved and the program is due to start Nov 1, 2024.

**Status of UR Community Cares:**

Chair Gay reported the challenges of seeking to find volunteers for UR Community Cares. This has been advertised in the weekly Church Bulletin at St. Lawrence. Joyce Mason suggested next year, as a way to recruit volunteers, for Mercedes Riccuti to attend the Town Picnic since recently it drew in close to 1,000 people.

**Affordable and Senior Housing Research Report Addendum:**

Chair Gay reported that she circulated the Affordable Senior Housing Research Report Addendum to the Committee. Joyce Mason reported on the Senior Housing information units that either have been built or are under construction in the surrounding Shoreline areas.

Bill Joyce thanked Chair Gay and Joyce Mason for their hard work. Bill will forward to Chair Gay the information about the Affordable Housing Grant that was just approved by the State of CT.

Chair Gay recommended to the Committee to first compile all the updated reports and then set up a meeting to discuss them with the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the newly elected officials based on the Committee on Aging's charge.

There was a Consensus of the Committee to have a meeting after the November 5, 2024 elections with the State Representatives and State Senators in order to present the Committee's updated Report and see what recommendations they have to help Seniors. After that meeting, the Committee will present their updated Report again to the Board of Selectmen and to the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Events:****Medicare Roundtable Report**

Chair Gay reported that the Medicare Roundtable took place this past Monday. Chair Gay thanked Bill Joyce for purchasing the cookies and water and also thanked Kate Moran for

helping setting up the event. Chair Gay further reported that it was a successful turnout with 11 attendees and 2 speakers (Carlos Maynard and Bonnie Maynard). The Committee had a discussion about how to get more communication out so Seniors would be more likely to attend. Bonnie Maynard suggested adding a raffle for future events.

### **Wreath Decorating Workshop w/H-K Recreation Dept:**

Chair Gay spoke about the Wreath Workshop scheduled on December 3, 2023 that the Haddam Killingworth Recreation Department is holding for Seniors, and passed around the Brochure to the Committee for their viewing. This Workshop is in collaboration with the Committee on Aging. Registration to attend is open. Bill Joyce confirmed it was added in the Beechwood's monthly newsletter.

### **Healthy Aging Sessions:**

Memory and Dementia will be held on December 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

March 7, 2025 - How the Brain Works at 10:30 a.m.

March 14, 2025 - Keeping Dementia Strong at 10:30 a.m.

March 21, 2025 - What is Dementia at 10:30 a.m.

### **Other possible events on prioritized list:**

ID Fraud and Scams - Chair Gay reported that she spoke with the Statewide Legal Services of CT and they would be happy to visit. Chair Gay will contact them for a possible weekday or for a Saturday in April 2025.

The Committee discussed the possibility of inviting the Resident State Trooper to come and speak about Scams that happen in Killingworth.

### **Communications:**

The Committee discussed more ways to get communication out to the Community to draw more attendance for future events.

### **Old Business:**

Chair Gay reported about how she circulated last year's Budget to the Committee and asked for feedback. She reported that a Clerk can't be hired until the Committee is a Commission. Chair Gay reported that she will touch base with First Selectman Couture regarding having the Committee put this on a future Town Meeting Agenda.

Chair Gay will work with Bill Joyce to put together a draft Budget and will work to determine if the Committee wants to continue to ask for a Senior Coordinator and how much they like to set that position for.

It was the Consensus of the Committee to delete the low priority items: Smart Technology and the Workshop regarding “How to Take Care of Your Car.”

**New Business:**

At Chair Gay’s request, Clerk Sciascia will put together a draft Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2025 and forward it to the Committee for their review before the next meeting in November.

**Next Meeting: November 27, 2024:**

Motion #4 - Joyce Mason *Moved* and Bill Joyce *Seconded* a motion to reschedule the November 27, 2024 meeting to November 20, 2024 and cancel the December 2024 meeting.

Voting to Approve: J. Gay, C. Fine, B. Joyce, J. Mason

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0)

**Adjournment:**

Chair Gay adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia  
Clerk