

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
KILLINGWORTH COMMITTEE ON AGING
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
Killingworth Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Joan Gay, Bill Joyce (Arrived at 5:36 p.m.) and Margaret Tobelman

Members Absent: Cheryl Fine, Joyce Mason, Ex-officio Member, Mercedes Riccuiti,

Visitors: Sandy Allard, Susan Buckler, Jean Panciera, Linda Plenderleith, Mary Solera, and Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)

Called to Order: The special meeting was Called to Order at 5:33 p.m. by Joan Gay, Chair

Chair Gay introduced Linda Plenderleith and Susan Buckler as the two new Researchers for the Committee on Aging. Chair Gay met both Linda and Susan in the Wreath Workshop they all took together.

Chair Gay reviewed the Public Comment process and how it's all inclusive with the exception of the voting process.

Roll Call: Chair Gay took a Roll Call of all Members and Visitors who were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Communications: None.

Approval of Minutes from the October 23, 2024 Meeting:

The Minutes from the October 23, 2024 Committee on Aging Meeting were *Tabled* until the January meeting due to lack of a quorum (Margaret Tobelman couldn't vote since she wasn't in attendance at the October meeting.)

Approval of Clerk's Invoice:

Motion #1- Bill Joyce *Moved* and Margeret Tobelman *Seconded* a motion to approve the Clerk's Invoice in the amount of \$130.00 as presented.

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

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Report from Municipal Agent for the Elderly: No Report.

Affordable and Senior Housing Research Report Addendum:

Chair Gay reported that she met with First Selectman Couture and shared with him via hardcopy the two Addendums for the Affordable and Senior Housing Research Report. Chair Gay further reported that she reached out to Chair Paul McGuinness, of the Planning and Zoning Commission, seeking that she either be placed to speak on a future Agenda or speak during Public Comment but hasn't heard back regarding a date as of yet.

Chair Gay advised that on State Representative Joe Courtney's Website, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Wellington, 27 Unit Affordable Housing Apartment Complex in Madison was up for viewing. Chair Gay will bring copies of the information regarding the Wellington developers since Joyce Mason did all the research on it. Chair Gay noted her sincere appreciation for Joyce's hard work.

Chair Gay reported that she also spoke to Couture about the 10 acres in front of the Beechwood Community that is available for purchase; however, Couture advised he doesn't know what the infrastructure will be yet in terms of Affordable or Senior Housing as well as the long range vision. Chair Gay stated that they need the infrastructure in place, along with the land, the developer, as well as identifying funding options. Of note, Sun Corporation cannot purchase the land due to it being a conflict of interest. Chair Gay discussed with Couture that both Affordable Housing and General Housing need to be looked into.

Research Member, Sandy Allard, left the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Events:**Wreath Decorating Workshop w/H-K Recreation Department:**

Chair Gay reported that Susan, Linda and herself attended the Wreath Workshop and had a wonderful time. Chair Gay stated that the woman handling the Workshop is fantastic, further noting the size of the wreath was incredible. They each were given many different options to choose from in terms of ways to decorate their wreath.

Healthy Aging Sessions

Chair Gay reported that the Healthy Aging Sessions will be held on March 7th, 14th and 21st at 10:30 a.m. located at the Library. She thanked Kate Moran for setting the event dates up. Chair Gay also reported that attendance is needed for these events and Angela Christie will be presenting the topics:

- Keeping Memory Strong
- What is Dementia

Possible Events on Prioritized List

Chair Gay recommended that due to the Holidays, she would like to wait to reach out to Senator Representative Christine Cohen and Representative Chris Aniskovich until January in order to set up a time for them to come in to discuss State Statutes, and also to get the Committee's voices heard. After discussion, the Committee agreed that Springtime would be a better option for a meeting.

Chair Gay further reported about moving forward with setting up the ID Fraud Scamming presentation in April. Don Phillips will be retiring in February with Andrea Bocelli is his replacement. Don will still be volunteering. Chair Gay will have First Selectman Couture do an email blast ahead of time for more attendance.

Motion #2 - Bill Joyce *Moved* and Margaret Tobelman *Seconded* a motion to hold the ID Fraud Scamming presentation, through Statewide Legal Services of CT, scheduled on April 26th starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Killingworth Library in the Conference Room.

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

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

2025 Meeting Schedule:

Motion #3 - Bill Joyce *Moved* and Margaret Tobelman *Seconded* a motion to approve the 2025 Committee on Aging's Meeting Schedule as presented.

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

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

2024/25 Budget:

Chair Gay met with Bill Joyce to draft a new Budget for the Committee on Aging. A proposed draft of the Budget is due on January 10th to Director of Finance Regolo. Chair Gay stated that the Committee will be putting in for a part-time Senior Program Coordinator, and noted if they were a Commission, it would be different. Chair Gay reviewed with the Committee their proposed draft Budget as well as the part-time hours and pay for the Senior Program Coordinator position.

Motion #4 - Bill Joyce *Moved* and Margaret Tobelman *Seconded* a motion to approve the 2024-25 Proposed Budget of the Committee on Aging as presented.

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

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Chair Gay thanked Bill Joyce for sitting down and discussing the Budget with her line by line. She stated that his input is valuable to the Committee.

Old Business:

Chair Gay reported that she met with First Selectman Couture regarding making the Committee into a Commission.

Next Meeting: January 22, 2025:

The next Committee on Aging Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Adjournment:

Chair Gay adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Clerk