

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE KILLINGWORTH
COMMITTEE ON AGING
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
Killingworth Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Cheryl Fine, Joan Gay, Bill Joyce (Arrived at 5:52 p.m.), Margeret Tobelman (Arrived at 5:34 p.m.) and Ex-officio Member, Mercedes Ricciuti, Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: Kate Moran, and Jamie Sciascia

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 in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Communications:

Chair Gay reported that she received an email from Ben Sodergren from the Library regarding two sessions that might be of interest to the Committee. The USA Financial and Tax Services provides a two part series about building a lasting legacy and tax free retirement.

Approval of January 22, 2025 Special Minutes:

Motion #1: Cheryl Fine *Moved* and Margaret Tobelman *Seconded* a motion to accept the Minutes from the Committee on Aging Special Meeting that was held on January 22, 2025 as presented.

Voting to Approve: J. Gay, C. Fine, M. Tobelman

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Approval of Clerk's Invoice:

Motion #2 - Cheryl Fine *Moved* and Margaret Tobelman *Seconded* a motion to approve the Clerk's Invoice in the amount of \$175.00 as presented.

Voting to Approve: J. Gay, C. Fine, M. Tobelman

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Report from Municipal Agent for the Elderly:

Mercedes Riccutti reported that she is ending the partnership with UR Community Cares, noting the challenges of getting volunteers and participants over the past year even with implementing the Communications Strategies in place. The Committee had a discussion about the future of the

donations UR Community Cares received from the Town of Killingworth, Beechwood, and St. Lawrence Church, in the amount of \$500 possibly looking to get at least a portion of those funds back. Mercedes spoke to First Selectman Couture who understands the situation. Mercedes will follow up with Michelle Puzzo of UR Community Cares.

Mercedes reported that the Fuel Assistance Program has ended.

Mercedes gave a brief update on the Homeowners Tax Relief Program starting in April, noting it is an easy application process.

Affordable and Senior Housing Research Report Addendum:

Chair Gay reported that she spoke to First Selectman Couture and also with the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission Paul McGuinness regarding the Housing Report Addendum. Chair Gay is on the calendar of the Board of Selectmen Meeting on March 10th and the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting scheduled for March 18th at 7:00 p.m. to present the Addendum.

Chair Gay reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission advised her that they have a draft prepared for an Adult Active Community Regulatory.

Events:

The Healthy Aging Series will be:

March 7, 2025 Keeping Memory Strong

March 14, 2025 Memory Loss When To Be Concerned

March 21, 2025 What is Dementia

Chair Gay implemented the Communications Strategies for the upcoming Healthy on Aging Sessions. First Selectman Couture also sent out an email blast to Killingworth Residents. A reminder email blast will soon follow.

Chair Gay reported that Kate Moran, Joyce Mason and Tammy Eustis put an amazing display up at the Library of the Healthy Brain Series and a Bibliography or related references for attendees to take.

Kate Moran reported to the Committee about speaking with Ben and Tammy from the Library noting how it has been a pleasure working with them. Ben will be attending the first session on March 7th to ensure all goes smoothly with the check-in process as guests arrive.

Committee on Aging Member Bill Joyce arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Chair Gay graciously offered to register Bill Joyce for all the upcoming Healthy Brain Sessions and also noted that 5 additional registered with her directly by providing her number on the flyer. These people don't have access to a computer.

The Committee spoke about presenting an Honorarium to Hartford HealthCare Center in the amount of \$100.00. This organization provides the Healthy Brain Series that is presented to

Angela Christie. Chair Gay will follow up with Director of Finance Regolo and First Selectman Couture to see what the process is regarding writing the check to Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

Motion #3 - Margaret Tobelman *Moved* and Bill Joyce *Seconded* a motion to approve an Honorarium in the amount of \$100.00 to Angela Christie of Hartford Healthcare.

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

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

The ID Theft, Scams and Fraud event has been changed to May 3, 2025 because the original date of April 26th is not available due to Earth Day activities at the Library.

Chair Gay reported on 2 potential events: Tax Free Retirement, Building a Lasting Legacy: Essential and Estate and Tax Planning Strategies provided by USA Financial and Tax Services that could be scheduled at a future date. A Consensus of the Committee indicated that these would be good workshops.

Old Business:

Chair Gay reported she will be presenting the Committee on Aging's Budget to the Board of Selectmen on March 3rd at their Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Chair Gay encouraged all members of the Committee on Aging to attend.

New Business:

Bill Joyce gave a brief update about the Senior Housing information at the State Level.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2025:

The next Committee on Aging Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

Adjournment:

Chair Gay adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Clerk