

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON AGING  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.  
Killingworth Town Hall**

**Members in Attendance:** Bill Joyce (Chair), Amy Roberts-Perry, Lucy Kinnane (Arrive at 6:11 p.m.) and Ex-officio Member, Mercedes Ricciuti (Municipal Agent for the Elderly)

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Fine

**Staff in Attendance:** Jamie Sciascia (Clerk/Via Remote)

**Visitors:** None.

**Called to Order:** The meeting was Called to Order at 6:12 p.m. by Bill Joyce, Chair

**Roll Call:** A Roll Call was taken of all Committee Members and Visitors in attendance at tonight's meeting.

**Approval of the Special Minutes from the January 20, 2026 Meeting:**

Motion #1 - Amy Roberts-Perry *Moved* and Lucy Kinnane *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Committee on Aging Special Meeting that was held on January 20, 2026.

Voting to Approve: B. Joyce, L. Kinnane, A. Roberts-Perry

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

**Approval of Clerk's Invoice:**

Motion #2 - Amy Roberts-Perry *Moved* and Lucy Kinnane *Seconded* a motion to approve the Clerk's Invoice in the amount of \$185.00 as presented.

Voting to Approve: B. Joyce, L. Kinnane, A. Roberts-Perry

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

**Old Business from the last meeting:**

Amy Roberts-Perry reported that, following her commitment at the previous meeting, she visited Chester to investigate the ownership of the land abutting the rear of the Parker Hill Extension near the ball fields. Ms. Roberts-Perry confirmed that the parcel is state-owned and part of the Cockaponset State Forest.

**New Business:**

- A. Update regarding a productive conversation with Pastor Ryan from Living Rock Church in Killingworth**

Chairman Joyce reported that he had reconnected with Pastor Ryan, from Living Rock Church, to revisit the possibility of acquiring the church's land for affordable senior housing, despite the Church Board previously declining the idea. Chairman Joyce explained that he presented a revised proposal to Pastor Ryan that would make the project more beneficial to the church. The new concept would involve:

- The town potentially purchasing 8–10 acres of the church's roughly 16-acre property;
- Allowing the church to retain the remaining land for its own use, including a future rectory and other needs;
- Using state grant funding to support the purchase, so the church would receive financial benefit rather than just donating land.

Chairman Joyce noted that Pastor Ryan responded very positively to this updated approach. He indicated that Pastor Ryan felt it addressed prior concerns from the church board, particularly around losing land without compensation, and viewed it as a potential “win-win” for both the church and the town. Pastor Ryan plans to bring this revised proposal back to the church board at their April 7th meeting for further consideration.

#### **B. Update on positive news received from the State of Connecticut regarding the land acquisition on Lower Roast Meat Hill Road**

Chairman Joyce reported that the town submitted an application to the State of Connecticut (DEEP) for 10–12 acres of state-owned land on Lower Roast Meat Hill Road, completed prior to the deadline with assistance from Senator Christine Cohen's Legislative Aide, Sue Mason. Chairman Joyce further noted that the Town of Killingworth is one of ten municipalities under consideration. One town (Guilford) has been approved, and Killingworth remains under review. Amy Roberts-Perry suggested Chairman Joyce send a follow-up communication to Sue Mason about the application. If approved, the land may be transferred to the town at minimal cost. Discussion about associated costs for surveying, mapping, and feasibility assessments took place. The timeline remains dependent on state review and due diligence.

Amy Roberts-Perry recommended a measured, step-by-step approach before committing to land acquisition, particularly regarding the Living Rock Church property. She advised the committee to carefully compare costs, noting that if the church property is priced too high (e.g., \$200,000+), the town should reconsider the town-owned Lovers Lane parcel despite its challenges. Ms. Roberts-Perry emphasized not ruling out Lovers Lane without a professional evaluation and recommended consulting excavation or site development experts to determine whether site conditions (rock vs. ledge) are manageable.

Ms. Roberts-Perry stressed the importance of obtaining key due diligence information, including surveys, perc tests, and site feasibility assessments, as well as preliminary cost estimates from builders or engineers. She noted that this information will be critical for developing accurate project budgets and strengthening grant applications. She further suggested the committee consider requesting initial funding from the Board of Finance to cover early-stage evaluation costs needed to move the project forward.

**Next Steps:**

- Clerk Sciascia to distribute grant opportunity list to committee members;
- Chairman Joyce to follow up with Pastor Ryan after the April 7th church board meeting;
- Chairman Joyce to monitor state decision on Lower Roast Meat Hill Road land request and follow up with Sue Mason accordingly;
- Committee to identify and engage professionals (surveyors, engineers, excavation experts) for site evaluation;
- Obtain preliminary cost estimates for potential sites (Living Rock Church and Lovers Lane);
- Consider approaching the Board of Finance for initial funding to cover surveys and feasibility studies;
- Explore potential grant applications, private funding, or land swap options.

**The next Committee on Aging Meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Joyce reported that the next Committee on Aging Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** Amy Roberts-Perry *Moved* and Lucy Kinnane *Seconded* a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Voting to Approve: B. Joyce, L. Kinnane, A. Roberts-Perry

Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia*

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Clerk