MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - Killingworth Town Hall

Members in Attendance: William Joyce (Chair), Amy Roberts-Perry, and Ex-officio Member, Mercedes Ricciuti (Municipal Agent for the Elderly)

Members Absent: Cheryl Fine, Lucy Kinnane, Ellen Leslie **Visitors:** Jamie Sciascia (Clerk/Via Remote)

Called to Order: The meeting was Called to Order at 6:10 p.m. by Bill Joyce, Chairman

Roll Call: A roll call was taken of all members in attendance. Unfortunately, a quorum of the Committee was not present; therefore, no business requiring motions or votes could be conducted.

Approval of the April 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes/Approval of Clerk's Invoice: Both agenda items were not discussed due to the lack of a quorum.

Old Business from last meeting: Chairman Joyce referenced a previous discussion involving the Living Rock Church in Killingworth and noted that the STEAP grant proposal had been brought forward again but was not supported by the Board.

New Business:
A. Update regarding the meeting with the Congregational Church Board
B. Update regarding conversations with individuals from the Planning and Zoning Commission
Chairman Joyce provided an update regarding his meeting with the Congregational Church Board. The church is interested in the possibility of the Committee purchasing their 8 acres of land. Geoffrey Cook, who is on the Church Board and also serves on the P&Z Commission with a background in building, commented on the feasibility of development and invited Chair Joyce to attend the P&Z Commission meeting in June. A brief discussion took place regarding the possibility of constructing an entrance road along the north end of the church property, potentially near the property line. It was noted that this could impact the existing stone wall and would depend on exact property boundaries and required approvals from the P&Z Commission. Ms. Roberts-Perry expressed concern regarding the financial feasibility of the Congregational Church property, specifically the purchase price. She noted that a ballpark figure is still needed from the church and suggested that philanthropic support may be necessary to fund the project in full. She referenced a minimum estimated approach of approximately $25,000 as a starting point for discussion. She plans a follow up communication with Geoffrey Cook ahead of the June meeting. Ms. Roberts-Perry further emphasized walking the Lovers Lane property to see if the site is possible for this project and noted the need to obtain cost estimates for site work, including potential blasting, and suggested coordinating with tree removal companies and other contractors to obtain estimates in order to better understand and potentially reduce site preparation costs. Chairman Joyce provided a brief overview of affordable senior housing models in other towns, including Bethlehem and Morris, noting they are income-based and typically managed by outside organizations responsible for operations and maintenance. Rent is generally based on a percentage of income, with possible utility inclusions depending on the development. It was noted that while local residents may receive preference, applicants from other communities may also be eligible if State funding is used. Clerk Sciascia will contact First Selectman Couture to obtain guidance on the STEAP grant application process. Ms. Roberts-Perry requested clarification on the grant deadline and submission timeline.

Next Meeting: June 24th at 6:00 p.m. The next COA meeting is scheduled on June 24th at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Adjournment: Chairman Joyce adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Jamie Sciascia, Clerk