

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Killingworth Town Hall

COA Members in Attendance: William Joyce (Chair), Ellen Leslie, Amy Roberts-Perry, Cheryl Fine (Arrived at 6:22 p.m.), and Ex-officio Member, Mercedes Ricciuti (Municipal Agent for the Elderly)

COA Members Absent: Lucy Kinnane

Visitors: Jamie Sciascia (Recording Secretary/Via Remote)

Called to Order: The meeting was Called to Order at 6:03 p.m. by William Joyce, Chair

Roll Call: Chairman Joyce took a Roll Call of all committee members and visitors in attendance.

Approval of the July 29, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes:

Motion #1 - Ellen Leslie *Moved* and Chair Joyce *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Committee on Aging Special Meeting held on July 29, 2026 as presented.

Voting to Approve: W. Joyce, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry | Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Recording Secretary's Invoice:

Motion #2 - Amy Roberts-Perry *Moved* and Ellen Leslie *Seconded* a motion to approve the Recording Secretary's Invoice in the amount of \$50.00 as presented.

Voting to Approve: W. Joyce, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry | Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Old Business from last meeting: Chairman Joyce updated the Board on his communication with the Chair of the Killingworth Land Trust (KLT). He reported that the KLT Chair provided additional context regarding the Land Trust's previous opposition to the Committee on Aging's proposal to pursue senior affordable housing on the Middle Roast Meat Hill property. The concern was that the project could overlap with or encroach upon the Land Trust's role and efforts related to the property, rather than being viewed as a separate initiative. Chair Joyce invited KLT representatives to attend the Committee on Aging's October meeting at Town Hall to further discuss affordable senior housing and what the Committee does in the Community.

New Business:

A. Discussion regarding the property for sale off Route 81 (Realtor's name is Adam)

Chairman Joyce reported speaking with the realtor regarding a 35-acre, perk-tested property on Route 81 toward Higganum that is for sale for approximately \$699,000. The owner may consider \$600,000 while retaining life use of the property. The committee discussed in length the potential challenges associated with the life-use arrangement.

B. Discussion regarding the property off Route 80 (west of town that was previously proposed for a solar farm)

Amy Roberts-Perry reported that three or four properties on Chestnut Street are listed under the Perkins name, noting that the property with solar panels is owned by an LLC in New Haven which has not yet been investigated. Ms. Roberts-Perry will research the properties and prepare information and a map for the October meeting, and in hopes for the Chair of the Killingworth Land Trust, to help provide additional information on the surrounding properties.

Ellen Leslie discussed the benefits of posting information about the Committee on Aging, including its purpose and role and how available land could potentially support senior affordable housing. She indicated that she would wait until the budget process has concluded before posting so the information receives the community's full attention. Ellen will provide the committee with draft language for review before anything is posted on the committee's behalf. The committee also briefly discussed working with the Town Assessor to identify potentially available properties.

The Next Committee on Aging Meeting: The next Committee on Aging meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Adjournment: Motion #3 - Amy Roberts-Perry ***Moved*** and Ellen Leslie ***Seconded*** a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Voting to Approve: W. Joyce, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry | Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

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Recording Secretary