MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Killingworth Town Hall

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

COA Members Absent: Lucy Kinnane, Cheryl Fine

Visitors: Jamie Sciascia (Recording Secretary/Via Remote)

Called to Order: The meeting was Called to Order at 6:14 p.m. by William Joyce, Chairman

Roll Call: Chairman Joyce conducted a roll call of Committee members and Visitors in attendance.

Approval of the August 26, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:
Motion #1 - Amy Roberts-Perry ***Moved*** and Ellen Leslie ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the Minutes from the Committee on Aging Meeting held on August 26, 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 - Ellen Leslie ***Moved*** and Amy-Roberts Perry ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the Recording Secretary's Invoice in the amount of $80.00 as presented. Voting to Approve: W. Joyce, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry | Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Old Business: A. Discussion of review of three emails from Ellen Leslie regarding the COA's purpose, goals, and property needs
The Committee reviewed three proposed Facebook posts and discussed creating a separate Facebook page to promote Committee initiatives without requiring members to use personal accounts. The Committee expressed support for the proposed posts and discussed using a strong tagline to attract attention and maintain consistent public outreach. The Committee agreed that proposed communications should be coordinated with the Board of Selectmen, including presenting the materials at a future meeting for review and approval before publication.

The Committee also discussed reviewing its official charge to clarify its roles and responsibilities and ensure future initiatives remain within its scope. Ellen Leslie will follow up with Elizabeth Disbrow, Executive Assistant to First Selectman Eric Couture, to obtain the Committee's official charge. The discussion noted that the Committee's focus has evolved from previous efforts centered primarily on a senior center and affordable senior housing. The discussion also referenced a prior senior survey, which identified affordable housing and taxes as primary concerns among respondents.

The Committee further discussed opportunities to seek community donations for senior-related initiatives, particularly during the upcoming tax season, and the importance of ensuring any contributions are properly designated for their intended purposes. A brief discussion also took place regarding two

town-owned properties reportedly obtained through a prior development bankruptcy settlement and whether proceeds from their eventual sale could support senior initiatives.

B. Discussion of property off Route 80 west of town previously considered for a solar Farm

Chairman Joyce noted there was nothing new to report on the Route 80 property. He briefly noted that the Committee had submitted two grant applications to the Guinness Foundation to support senior housing initiatives. Although the applications were not successful, the Foundation indicated that its funding primarily supports projects in England and Europe and that it was not accustomed to funding U.S. projects.

New Business: A. Discussion of 2027 COA Meeting Date Schedule

The Committee reviewed the draft 2027 Meeting Schedule and discussed proposed meeting dates and adjustments to accommodate holidays and member availability. The Committee agreed on several date changes and noted that the schedule could be adjusted as needed. Sciascia will incorporate the discussed changes and recirculate the revised schedule to the Committee for final review prior to the November meeting, when the schedule will be presented for approval.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

The next Committee on Aging meeting date is November 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion #3 - Amy Roberts-Perry ***Moved*** and Ellen Leslie ***Seconded*** a motion to add Item C, "Discussion regarding the email received from Mark Olynciw concerning Medicare-funded dementia respite and caregiver support for residents," onto the Agenda. Voting to Approve: W. Joyce, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry | Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Discussion regarding the email received from Mark Olynciw concerning Medicare-funded dementia respite and caregiver support for residents:

Chairman Joyce provided an update on an email received from Mark Olynciw regarding Medicare-funded dementia respite and caregiver support. The Committee held a brief discussion following the update.

Motion #4 - Amy Roberts-Perry ***Moved*** and Ellen Leslie ***Seconded*** a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Voting to Approve: W. Joyce, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry | Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Executive Session: Possible Real Estate Acquisition: The Committee on Aging discussed a Possible Real Estate Acquisition.

Motion #5 - Amy Roberts-Perry ***Moved*** and Ellen Leslie ***Seconded*** a motion to come out of Executive at 6:53 p.m. Voting to Approve: W. Joyce, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry | Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Adjournment: Motion #6 - Amy Roberts-Perry ***Moved*** and Ellen Leslie ***Seconded*** a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:54 p.m. Voting to Approve: W. Joyce, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry | Motion unanimously passed (3-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Jamie Sciascia, Recording Secretary