

MINUTES

Commission on Aging Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Community Center Room 107

Members Present: Chairman Evelyn Molner, Phyllis Jachimowski, Robert Newton and Suzanne Reilly

Others Present: Mary McNelis and Morgyn Khoury

Absent: Kathryn Rich

1. **Call meeting to order:** Molner called the meeting to order @ 10:04 am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All present, stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of the January 8 Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Newton/Jachimowski to accept the Minutes. Motion passed 4-0.
5. **New Business:** Evelyn asked about the parking situation, Mary mentioned that the First Selectwoman's office said they are working on it! It has noticeably been busier in the building and therefore the parking lot as often been full. Mary mentioned that there is parking in the Church lot and the back door now remains open during the day.
6. **Senior Services Coordinator:** Morgyn reported a lot going on... over 70 have already registered for the Italian Feast offered next week. Jukebox Bingo will be offered later this month. Dance Fusion instructor now has Multiple sessions on multiple days due to the demand; the newly added Monday's session filling up well; 25 is the limit for this class. Mahjong beginner's lessons are now offered in the evening led by a volunteer; it filled up quickly and has a wait list of 10 people. The German club may also offer a beginner's course since many members have expressed interest.
7. **Director of Community Services Report:** Mary reported that Membership Numbers continue to rise; we are now at 933 and are likely to get to a thousand by the end of June. When asked, she responded that those that have passed away are not included in that number. Space continues to be a challenge to accommodate the influx of new members as their need's warrants, especially during the hours between 10 am and 3 pm. Mary added that the walls in the Activity rooms 1 and 2 will be opened up to have an additional larger room available for program and activities. Evelyn mentioned the that offering many new program options has certainly been a draw for new members. Bob complimented the staff for their dedicated work.

8. **Municipal Agent Report:** Mary reported that a Municipal Agent has been hired. Kristina Walton will be having office hours on Mondays 10 am – 12 pm and Fridays 9:30 am - 11:30 am beginning Monday, February 9.
9. **Old Business:** Morgyn reported that they will be hosting the Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personnel (CASSP) Meeting here in Seymour later this month. The meeting will include a round table discussion on new program ideas and activities. Mary added a new Television was added to be a digital bulletin board. The Billiards room will also have a television and they are working on a cabinet to offer a coffee bar. This will be a great place for gathering socially. The Livable Communities Committee will resume calling prior members over 75 years of age on next Thursday. Bob shared that Tammy Villaluz from Griffin Hospital Valley Parish Nurses is being certified as an AARP Smart Driver Course Instructor. Morgyn will reach out to see if she'd like to offer the program here. Tammy has assisting in conducting the Age Well Series here at the center.
Transportation – The Valley Transit District will have some used 16 passengers Buses for sale to municipalities. These vehicles will not require a CDL to drive it and will be ADA Accessible. We anticipate that at least one will be purchased for the Community Center use. Bob reported the AARP Income tax appointments started in Oxford yesterday.
10. **Public Comment:** None
11. **Next Agenda Preparation:** The agenda for the March 5, 2026 meeting will follow the same format as the February meeting.
12. **Adjournment:** Motion made Newton/Jachimowski to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.

Respectively submitted by:

Suzanne Reilly, Secretary