

MINUTES
Commission on Aging Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2026
Community Center Room 107

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DATE: 3/11/26
TIME: 8:00 AM
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Members Present: Chairman Evelyn Molner, Phyllis Jachimowski, Robert Newton and Suzanne Reilly

Others Present: Mary McNelis and Morgyn Khoury

Absent: Kathryn Rich

Guest: Sara Locke, All In For Seymour, 203-305-3844, sara.locke@outlook.com

1. **Call meeting to order:** Molner called the meeting to order @ 10:12 am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All present, stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Public Comment:** Sara Locke, All in For Seymour, introduced herself and wanted to learn more about what our community offers. She had found Seymour residents welcoming and our neighbors willing to work together. Sara offered to work with the Commission on Aging in the future.
4. **Approval of the February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes.** A motion was made by Newton/Jachimowski to accept the minutes. Motion passed. 4-0.
5. **New Business: none**
6. **Senior Services Coordinator:** Morgyn reported that the Valentines Feast was entertaining and everyone enjoyed the meal. The St Patricks' Day Feast already has 70+ members registered. The Psychic Medium had over 100 people; there was an afternoon and evening session offered. An active Adult Survey will be released March 20; input helps us plan future programs, events and trips the survey will be conducted by undergraduate student in the Recreation /Management program at Appalachian State University and an evaluative report would be provided at its conclusion. Food Explorers is returning, a trip to Bronx Zoo is planned. Mahjong beginner's lessons are now offered in the evening; the class was filled in less than 24 hours. Canasta Lessons are now offered and are now accepting a waitlist.
7. **Director of Community Services Report:** Mary reported that Membership Numbers continue to rise; we are now at 973 up 40 from last month and are likely to get to a thousand by the end of June. Our membership is reasonable and cost effective. Mary added that the renovations in Activity rooms 1 and 2 is complete. Many of our Exercise classes have 50+ people registered, and they are monitoring numbers closely to coincide with current grant funding.

The Budget has been submitted with an increase in maintenance for the Buses, the newer bus was purchased in 2020. The Budget process went very well 4% increase overall due largely by contractual agreements and supplies.

8. **Municipal Agent Report:** Kristina Walton, the newly appointed Municipal Agent has started but there was no report.
9. **Old Business:** Parking continues to be a challenge, this morning it was very busy and minimal spaces were available. Morgyn reported that they hosted the Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personnel (CASSP) Quarterly Meeting here in Seymour. 13 people from throughout the State attended the round table discussion on Programs and /Activities Ideas. Challenges are consistent year-round among the others as well.

Transportation – occasionally offered for Bingo Transportation, Sporadic Medical appointments. Shopping is most popular, many residents from Smithfield Gardens and Calahan House utilize this service most. One day Taxes will be offered at the end of March by the Seymour/Oxford Food Bank. Oxford tax appointments filled up the 40 slots quickly and currently have a wait list. The Valley Transit District bus availability, no news yet.

10. **Public Comment:** None
11. **Next Agenda Preparation:** The agenda for the April 2, 2026 meeting will follow the same format as the March meeting, membership fees may be added to the agenda.
12. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Jachimowski/ Newton to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.

Respectively submitted by:

Suzanne Reilly, Secretary