

Town of Montville
COMMISSION ON AGING
12 Maple Ave.
Uncasville, Connecticut 06382

1. Call to order
Commission Meeting of September 4, 2024 was called to order at 10:00 A.M. in the dining hall at the Senior Center.
2. Roll call
Present were commission members: Doherty-Peck, Taylor, Perkins, O'Brien, Suarez , Liaison Lt. Radford and Liaison Caron. Absent with cause: Adams, Ziegler.
3. Approval of minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by Radford and seconded by Perkins. All in favor.
4. Approval of the bills
None
5. Correspondence
Letter from Council Minutes Clerk of appointment of Lyndsey O'Brien and Deborah Suarez to the Commission on Aging.
6. Remarks from the public
Mayor Bunnell attended the meeting and spoke on the different topics of discussion throughout the meeting.
7. Introduction of Speaker
None
8. Reports
Doherty-Peck reported that she was awarded six grants. The grants are for medical transportation, which two were received; one for Montville seniors and stays in New London county and one with the City of Norwich, which takes our seniors throughout the state. Other grant awards are for Foot Care, Mental Health, Homemaker services along with State awarded ARPA funds specific to Senior Center Programs. Grant totals are over \$202,000.00 for the 2024-2025 year.

Liaison Caron reported the ARPA funds for the social services building were put to great use as the building is almost complete and the necessary work came out great. He thanked the Director for her efforts in grant writing and all the funds she brings to the Town. He also reported the Council was able to keep the budget in-line and worked hard to do so. He is actively involved in bringing more elderly housing to town, services for our disabled veterans, veterans, and working at the State level with Senators and State Representatives on assistance for the Town of Montville.

Liaison Lt. Radford reported the meet & greet with the seniors went over very well, there was a great turn-out. He is also looking at presentations to bring to the seniors, such as the Active Shooter and current scams, both on-line and in-person that are targeting the senior population.
9. Old Business

Home Health Care - Doherty-Peck reported that the Bill that is being presented addressing the issues that this commission has brought to the forefront many times with regards to registering and monitoring all home health care as a means to keep some of our most vulnerable seniors safe. The bill reflects most of the issues we brought up. She will ask Senator Osten to come to meeting and discuss the Bill and if/how it will be funded and implemented.

Senior Housing – Perkins asked about the status of additional elderly housing needed for Montville and how those complexes will be run. Suarez spoke about being a tenant in one of our present elderly housing complexes and what some of that entails. Discussion was held on responsibility to all of our seniors living in the Town of Montville including present elderly housing and possible new housing.

10. New business

O'Brien reported that Charter Oak will be holding a presentation regarding banking and scams in October at the Senior Center. Charter Oak also donated furniture to our Social Services Building. Doherty-Peck and Liaison Caron commented on how beautiful the furniture is and how much the conference/support group table, desks, and reception area stools are perfect for the new building. Taylor reported how often scam calls are coming in to seniors and the need for presentations to keep seniors aware is great. Discussion held on scams.

Motion made for Suarez to become Commission on Aging Secretary made by Doherty-Peck, seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

11. Remarks from the Public

None

11. Remarks from the Commission Members, Liaison

Perkins stated that the success of the meet & greet at the Police Department would be a great program to bring to the Fire Departments as well. She will speak to the Chiefs and see which Fire House would be a good fit for the first tour and for a meet & greet as well. All present members welcomed new members O'Brien and Suarez to the Commission. We look forward to working for our senior population and presenting and implementing viable solutions to issues we focus on.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 11:15 A.M. Motion by Perkins, seconded by Radford. All in favor.