
Town of Montville

COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.
Montville Senior Center – Library

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair Perkins at 9:00 a.m., followed by The Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Doherty-Peck; Commissioners Perkins, Ziegler, and Suarez; Liaisons Caron and Radford

Absent with Prior Notice: Commissioners O'Brien and Adams

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve November 2024 Minutes by Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Ziegler. Vote: All in Favor

Action: Motion Carried

4. REMARKS FROM PUBLIC

- Bids need to go forth from Montville Housing Authority to acquire a contractor for installing new piping for elderly housing at Freedom Village where a lead toxicity in the drinking water must be remedied immediately. The funding is a result of a collaborative effort including Senator Osten and Director of Senior and Social Services Doherty-Peck.
- Mayor Bunnell acknowledged the generous community and collaborative effort it took to pull through this year's holiday gift donation program, providing more than 500 children with gifts from the fire department, police department, and Tribal community. Elderly housing adopted families, as well, with nearly 75 children being adopted with 15-20 families by the Montville Police Department. The challenges to coordinate, collect and work do not end once the gifts are distributed. The business of thanking everyone and preparing grants for next year's event is undertaken immediately.
- Montville welcomes Chef Tom and (Program Coordinator) to the hardworking, dedicated senior center staff.

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chair Doherty-Peck

- The Senior Center welcomes two new team to our staff and anticipate onboarding new instructors for various activities and classes next month. Tom is our new master chef, who joins us with an impressive background of years as a professional in the culinary field. Respecting the food donations made available for the senior lunch nutrition program, Chef Tom guarantees to prepare a balanced, nutritious, and delicious meal for seniors five days per week in the center's dining area.

- Caitlin Perkins is our competent, qualified, and eager new program manager who embraces our pervading senior center standards of excellence in service to our seniors. In less than a month in service, she has proven invaluable to the newsletter and support during the fast-paced holiday operations demands.
- There is a new app for the monthly senior newsletter.
- The push for more grants for services will include the possibility of acquiring a new bus for senior transportation.

Commissioner Perkins

Respecting that the “Coffee with a Cop” meet and greet in October was a huge success in forging positive community relations between seniors and our law enforcement officers, Commissioner Perkins is spearheading a “Meet & Greet with Fire Responders” to forge positive community relations between seniors, fire responders, and ambulance drivers.

Commissioner Ziegler

- The Community Foundation in New London is looking into funding for a new senior bus for Montville.
- The Mohegan Tribe was honored to provide assistance and generous donations for seniors and their families during the holiday season.

6. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Unfinished Business

Motion by Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Suarez to update Bylaws Article IV Section 1 to afford flexibility among members in the event of future meeting time changes. **Vote:** All in Favor_Motion Carried

b. New Business – None

7. REMARKS FROM PUBLIC – None

8. REMARKS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None

9. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Commission Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Suarez. **Vote:** All in Favor

Action: Motion Carried_Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Deb Suarez, Secretary for the Commission on Aging

Cc: Commission File