
Town of Montville
COMMISSION ON THE AGING
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.
Montville Senior Center Library

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Doherty-Peck at 9:04 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Doherty-Peck, Suarez, Ziegler, and Perkins; and Liaison Caron. Absent were Commissioners Adams, Taylor, and O'Brien; and Liaison Radford.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the September 2025 Minutes was made by Commissioner Ziegler and seconded by Suarez.
Vote: In favor were Commissioners Doherty-Peck, Suarez, Ziegler, and Perkins; Opposed were none. **Action:** Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Bills

There were no bills in September 2025.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence during September 2025.

6. Remarks from Public

There were no comments from the public.

7. Reports

a. Chair Doherty-Peck

- Plans are underway to restore vital programs affected by State and federal cost-cuts.
- Commissioner Adams was reappointed to the Commission for the customary three-year term.
- The application window for the 2025-2026 Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is September 1, 2025 through May 29, 2026. Applications are available online, in-person at the Department of Social Services, or via mail service (postmarked by May 29, 2026).

b. Town Council Liaison Caron

- Councilman Caron remains committed to off-setting State and federal cost-cuts for free food, medical, transportation, and mental health services for Montville seniors; i.e., MedRide medical transportation, Homemaker Program housekeeping, and free counseling services for seniors and veterans.
- Congratulations to Senior & Social Services Director Kathleen Doherty-Peck for 30 years of dedicated service to Montville seniors.

c. Commissioner Suarez

- Deadline for Renters Rebate 2025 was September 30th with no extensions. Social Services did a door-to-door canvas at both MHA elderly housing sites, gathering paperwork and documentation.
- MHA Fall cookout was successful with more than 57 in attendance. Sponsorship was by Brenda and Sue at the Community Outreach Center in Norwich and the Mohegan Tribal Council in Uncasville provided a huge

Feast free for all consisting of ribs, chicken, franks, hamburgers, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, soda, Hawaiian punch, cake, cookies, plates, utensils, napkins, and more. Music was performed by Dottie and Sue Wild n Blue. Door-to-door canvassing ensured that even nonambulatory neighbors had something to eat and drink. The Senior Center provided transportation with the master chef of the hour being Senior Center Director Kathie Doherty-Peck.

- In the 2025 Acts Affecting Seniors Special Report by the Office of Legislative Research, two recent bills affecting seniors are the State Supplement Program (SSP) and the Suspension of Withholding Tax, both bills taking effect July 1, 2025. The bad news is that Payment standards for the State Supplement Program, which provides cash assistance to aged, blind, or disabled individuals, are frozen for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. (PA 25-168, § 348, effective July 1, 2025). The good news is that a new law suspends the requirement to withhold state income tax on lump-sum distributions from pension and annuities, effective July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. (PA 25-168 §401, effective July 1, 2025).
- Connecticut offers a tuition waiver for state residents age 62 and older to take courses for free at its public colleges and universities contingent upon space-available basis. The original waivers enacted in 1974 (PA 282) applied to seniors enrolled in degree-granting programs or when a course had space available. In 1989, the General Assembly limited the senior tuition waiver at the community-technical colleges only to those enrolling in courses with space available (PA 89-380). Ultimately, PA 91-303 clarified that waivers can be used only for courses with enough paying students enrolled to warrant offering it.

8. Standard Order of Business

No outstanding business.

9. Remarks from Public

Cathy Delicato reported information on free software for computers.

10. Remarks from Commissioners

There were no comments from commissioners.

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Ziegler and seconded by Commissioner Suarez. **Vote:** In favor were Commissioners Doherty-Peck, Suarez, Ziegler, and Perkins; Opposed were none. **Action:** Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.