

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Killingworth Town Hall**

Members in Attendance: William Joyce (Chair), Amy Roberts-Perry, Lucy Kinnane, Ellen Leslie and Ex-officio Member, Mercedes Ricciuti (Municipal Agent for the Elderly)

Members Absent: Cheryl Fine

Staff in Attendance: Jamie Sciascia (Clerk/Via Remote)

Visitors: None.

Called to Order: The meeting was Called to Order at 6:02 p.m. by Bill Joyce, Chairman

Roll Call: Chairman Joyce conducted a roll call of all members and visitors in attendance. New member Eileen Leslie was introduced and warmly welcomed.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from the March 25, 2026 Meeting:

Motion #1 - Amy Roberts-Perry *Moved* and Lucy Kinnane *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Committee on Aging Regular Meeting that was held on March 25, 2026.

Voting to Approve: B. Joyce, L. Kinnane, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

Approval of Clerk's Invoice:

Motion #2 - Amy Roberts-Perry *Moved* and Ellen Leslie *Seconded* a motion to approve the Clerk's Invoice in the amount of \$70.00 as presented.

Voting to Approve: B. Joyce, L. Kinnane, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

Old Business from the Last Meeting:

A. Update regarding the State of Connecticut land swap on Lower Roast Meat Hill Road

Chair Joyce updated the Committee regarding the Middle Roast Meat Hill property, advising that the proposed land swap with the State of Connecticut was denied by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). As a result, the site is no longer under consideration. Chair Joyce will follow up with State Senator Christine Cohen to seek additional clarification regarding the decision.

New Business:

A. Discussion about Affordable Senior Housing behind and to the left of the Congregational Church in Killingworth

Chairman Joyce reported that the Congregational Church has expressed preliminary interest in selling a portion of its property (approximately 20 plus acres) for the development of affordable senior housing. The Committee discussed how the parcel may be suitable; however, site access could present a challenge

and may require removal of an existing structure (possibly a former rectory or similar building). The church board has not made a formal decision, with feedback anticipated by mid-May. A church representative, Mr. Geoffrey Cook, who is also affiliated with the Planning & Zoning Commission, invited members to attend an upcoming Planning & Zoning meeting (date to be confirmed).

B. STEAP Program Discussion and Related Information

Clerk Sciascia provided an overview of the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) and referenced a recent Haddam project in which approximately \$4.55 million in funding was awarded for redevelopment of the former Haddam Elementary School into senior housing and community space. Amy Robert-Perry suggested, and members agreed, to contact Haddam officials to gain insight into the grant application process and requirements. The Committee discussed the significant need for affordable senior housing, noting that comparable towns have waiting lists of approximately 3 to 7 years. The Committee reached consensus that the immediate priority is to identify a viable site and advance project readiness in order to pursue funding opportunities.

The next Committee on Aging Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.: The next Committee on Aging Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Killingworth Town Hall.

Adjournment: Chair Joyce *Moved* and Amy Roberts-Perry *Seconded* a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:33 p.m.

Voting to Approve: B. Joyce, L. Kinnane, E. Leslie, A. Roberts-Perry

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

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Clerk