

# Commission On Aging

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## Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2024

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**Commission Members present:** Gary James Kelly – Chair, Eugenia Perry – Secretary, Maria Potvin, Anita Morrison, Lorraine Kraft, and Jim Sundin

**Absent:** Kathy LaBranche

**Guests attending:** Evelyn Gilbert, Mike MacDonald, Susan M. Wall

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 2:04 pm

**Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report:** Gena read the March meeting minutes and Anita made a motion to approve; Jim seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary read the Treasurer's report as of the end of March. Lori made a motion to approve and Gena seconded the motion.

**Old Business:** 1) Gary explained the status of the final draft for the Town Survey to be presented to the Mayor on April 23 before presentation to the Town Council. 2) We reviewed the status of the Senior Discount list which now has 64 entries that need to be confirmed before release. We are hoping for more entries.

**New Business:** 1) Gary discussed the recent attempted scamming incidents with several Commissioners. Scammers get the Commissioner's name, email, and phone number from the town website and send phishing information to the Commissioner's via phone messages to attempt to get gift cards and false

payments. Gary recommended they call him (or whoever is named) by phone to verify if the information is correct and to delete the phishing contact immediately. None of the Commissioners have been affected yet due to their diligence. **2)** We discussed the upcoming “Breakfast with the Mayor” event for May and asked for approval of \$22.60 for re-usable table decorations, as well as up to \$30 for disposable plastic table cloths. Anita made a motion to approve and Jim seconded. We also discussed the **new** method of having seniors sign up for these events. In the past, seniors who are at the center will sign up within a few hours of the event being announced in the spring, and again in autumn. In order to be fair, we will announce that they can sign up for only one of the two events which will ensure a different set of 55 seniors can sign up for the second event. By doing this, we will have 110 seniors attending these events instead of the same 55. **3)** Gary announced the date change of September 20<sup>th</sup> to September 13<sup>th</sup> for the Senior Picnic due to the unavailability of the room at Goodwin University. He will submit the revised meeting schedule to reflect the new date on the Commission’s website and email copies to the Commissioners. We also discussed the theme for the picnic and Lori suggested a 1950’s Rock and Roll theme. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved. We decided to hold the price for residents at \$10 for the tickets. **4)** Gary announced Lori was re-appointed as of March 5, 2024. **5)** Gary is investigating the various town facilities available for future events and seminars resulting from the town survey. **6)** Maria stated that there are still low income moneys available from CRT and offered to discuss and drive anyone interested to the office on Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford.

**Opportunity of guests to speak:** The guests asked questions, received answers, and seemed generally pleased with the meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** At 3:24, Anita made a motion to adjourn and Lori seconded.