Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
March 4, 2026

Attendees: Marie MacDonald, Chair Patricia Miller, Kay Sherman, Shirley Thompson, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (Senior Services Liaison), Lori Myers (Senior Services), Barbara Keating (Interfaith Homes), 12 residents from Interfaith Homes

Absent: Vice Chair Robert Berman, Halesteen Graham Days, Rosemary Gunning, E. Leon Rivers, Jeanette Rivers

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm.

Old Business
The Pajama Jam Happy Hour Plus Party was postponed until the Fall.

A Pre-Valentine's Happy Hour Plus took place on February 5 with much success. A Pre-Valentine's Breakfast was also well attended on February 12.

Monthly visits to local senior housing developments have been established. We are anticipating visiting Coventry Place in April then will visit Federation Homes and Woodside Village.

New Business
The Commission on Aging stated they would like to be able to visit various housing communities annually.

Public Comments

Ms. Ethlyn Smith, a resident at Interfaith Homes asked a question regarding receiving assistance with completing paperwork or forms that she has some difficulty understanding. Yvette stated Ms. Smith could contact the Social and Youth Services department. They may be able to offer assistance but she will need to make an appointment.

Other questions that arose from the residents are as follows:

- How to reduce their cable bill?
- Where can I get a File of Life?

The residents also asked about the weekend trips that are offered from the Senior Services department. Yvette explained that sometimes the weather or amount of participants effects whether or not the trips can take place. Yvette mentioned that the trips include going to festivals, malls, restaurants, etc.

Yvette spoke about the transportation services that the Mini-Bus offers as well as other transportation companies that provide service to Bloomfield residents if they qualify. Some of the transportation companies include the Greater Hartford Transit District (ADA Transportation),

Encompass and Nutmeg Rides. It was explained that there is more information about these programs and their contact information are provided within the Senior Services newsletter.

Marie MacDonald spoke about the Shred Day that the town offers currently twice a year. She provided information about how residents should not bring magazines, newspapers or mail. She stated that the intent of Shred Days are to make sure that a person's identity are not stolen.

The minutes for February 2026 meeting will be approved at the upcoming Commission on Aging meeting, as we did not have a quorum..

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on April 9, 2026, at Coventry Place, 160 Coventry Street in Bloomfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Myers