Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
May 6, 2026

Attendees: Vice-Chair Robert Berman, Halesteen Graham Days, Marie MacDonald, Chair Patricia Miller, E. Leon Rivers, Jeanette Rivers
Kay Sherman, Shirley Thompson, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Luz Cora-Small (Senior Services Liaison), Lori Myers (Senior Services)

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm.

Old Business

Monthly visits to local senior housing developments have been established. Visits were made to Interfaith Homes in March, with upcoming visits planned for Federation Homes and Woodside Village in the Fall.

A Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon was held on Monday, May 4 at The Simsbury Inn. Approximately 75 participants enjoyed a luncheon and entertainment by DJ Ramon.

UR Community Cares will host "Techie Time" on May 13 and June 10, offering technical assistance to participants. The Senior Services Department is working on scheduling additional sessions.

New Business

The 11th Annual Casual Prom will take place on May 14 at the Senior Center in partnership with University High School of Science and Engineering. Approximately 30 residents aged 55+ are expected to attend to enjoy lunch, dancing, and games.

On June 4 at 4pm a Spring Fling Happy Hour Plus will occur. Participants will be able to enjoy dancing, appetizers, refreshments, games and door prizes while listening to music by DJ Ramon.

The 6th Annual Pre-Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Thursday, June 18th. The event will start at 12 noon and will include a luncheon, African dancers, drummers, and steel drummers.

Budget Update – Luz Cora-Small stated the budget process is still occurring so there has not been an approved budget yet. There are scheduled meetings with the town council for the next few nights to finalize the budget.

Public Comments

The chair, Patricia Miller, stated that Rosemary Gunning has resigned from her position with the Commission on Aging. There is now an opening within the commission. The process of how to apply for a position was reviewed and the appointment form was provided to our guest.

A question was asked by Marie MacDonald about when the final budget will be known. Robert Berman stated that it is still unknown due to upcoming meetings today and tomorrow. At this point, nothing is final and everything is still a proposal.

Robert Berman then spoke about how the re-nomination process for Commissions and Boards. He stated that there is an application process, but the process is still pending and being discussed in how they will move forward.

Patricia Miller stated that Representative Bobby Gibson would be coming to 330 Park Avenue on June 16 at 5:30 pm to host a Senior Forum. All are welcome to attend.

The minutes for the April 2026 meetings were approved, with a motion by Shirley Thompson and seconded by Peter Wilcox.

Robert Berman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Wilcox. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on June 3, 2026, at 330 Park Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Sherman and Lori Myers