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Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
June 3, 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: Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (Senior Services Liaison), Lori Myers (Senior Services)

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm.

Old Business

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.

The 11th Annual Casual Prom took place on May 14 at the Senior Center in partnership with University High School of Science and Engineering. Approximately 30 residents aged 55+ attended and enjoyed lunch, dancing, and games.

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

Yesterday, June 2, participants attended a performance of "Water for Elephants" at The Bushnell in Hartford.

New Business

UR Community Cares will host "Techie Time" on June 10 and July 8 offering technical assistance to participants. The Senior Services Department is working on scheduling additional sessions in August and September.

A Paint Night Party will be occurring on Friday, June 12 in partnership with the Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Department.

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.

The Senior Services Department will be traveling with up to 100 participants to Martha's Vineyard on July 23 for a day trip.

Budget Update – There was a conversation about what to do with the remining Commission on Aging Funds. A motion was made to purchase items to hand out at the Senior Expo in September. Items discussed were magnifying glasses with a light, pill boxes for 7 days of medication and eye glass repair kits.

Public Comments

Robert Berman asked what was being planned for America's 250th Birthday. Ms. Yvette stated that there were events planned by each department but still in the planning process.

A question was posed by the Chair on how the Commission on Aging can become more visible. Some suggestions were made that the members can volunteer at programs that the Senior Services department offers such as Happy Hour Plus. There was also a suggestion that the COA offer seminars or presentations that people from the community can attend.

The minutes for the May 2026 meetings were approved, with a motion by Robert Berman and seconded by Shirley Thompson.

Shirley Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Wilcox. The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on September 2, 2026, at 330 Park Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Sherman and Lori Myers