AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – June 16, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE
Present: Edward LaMontagne, Jan Beatty, Margaret Haldeman, Claire Corbett, Anne Erickson, Jennifer Kirkland, Deb Glass, Jen Seiderer, Valerie Finney, Danielle Hill, Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Coordinator), Lisa Miceli (Library Liaison),
Excused: Sandee Fleet, Terry Henault, Mike Jennings, Libby Easton-May, Cheryl Cook, Kylie Stillman (Student Representative), Diana Yeisley (Board of Selectmen Liaison)

PUBLIC AUDIENCE / PUBLIC COMMENT
Lisa Cooperman attended with her daughter, Talia.

GUEST PRESENTATION – SUMMIT ADAPTIVE SPORTS
Guests: Susan Murphy, Matt Kulik
• Ski Sundown winter program; approximately 20 years of operation
• Independent nonprofit for 5 years
• Athletes served range from ages 4–82
• Programs include skiing, hiking (varied difficulty levels), paddling, and mountain biking
• Equipment overview provided; handouts distributed
• More than 75 volunteers participate
• 1:1 coach-to-athlete ratio maintained
• Volunteer training and certification required
• Funding sources include grants, individual donations, Birdies for Charity, Greater Hartford Gives, and Simsbury Greater Together. Funds are used for equipment and to reduce the costs to the athletes.
• Affiliated with Move United (The Hartford)
• Mission focuses on independence through adaptive sports

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
Regular Meeting – May 19, 2026
Status: Approved

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT – DIANA YEISLEY
(No additional report provided at this meeting)

SENIOR CENTER REPORT – KATHLEEN MARSCHALL
• *The Communicator* July/August issue includes:
    Simsbury Senior Center Night at McLean (p. 5)
    File of Life information (p. 6)
• Police Department picnic scheduled for September 2

LIBRARY REPORT – LISA MICELI
• 340 attendees at Pride Month celebration
• Little Free Food Pantry launching in July
• Summer Reading Program begins June 22, Adult sign-up gift: cards by Marianne Berman
• Five-year strategic plan survey closed (500 responses), results to be released publicly

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY REPORT – JAN BEATTY
• Walk Audit interest from Public Works (Tom Roy)
    Planning for fall; AARP materials referenced
• ADA school accessibility survey discussed
• Aging in Place Expo scheduled; focus on transportation
• Rotary donation of $9,000 for benches (3 locations under consideration, locations may be informed by Walk Audit findings)
• Bus shelter at Eno discussed
    Temporary solution possible through Public Works
    May be included in next year's budget

OLD BUSINESS
File of Life Program – June 9, 2026
• 18 attendees participated
• File of Life materials distributed
• Additional supplies available through Social Services

Summer Fun Fest – July 18, 2026, 2-4pm at First Church Simsbury
• Music, balloons, snacks including ice cream, games, sensory touch-a-truck and other activities
• Community Art Piece to be displayed at Town Hall
• Multiple door prizes will be available for those present

Coffee with Commissioners
• 5/26 comments & concerns (Terry Henault):
    HomeWell Care Services discussed
    Transportation concerns raised (need for public bus access)
    Positive feedback for Senior Center staff
    Need for new Senior Center discussed
    Food access concerns related to transportation
• 6/9 comments & concerns (Jen Kirkland):
    Caregiver support group identified as a need
    Residences at Brookside may provide leadership
• 6/23: Anne Erickson and Diana Yeisley scheduled to attend

Accessibility Awareness Month
• Town proclamation recognizing June as Accessibility Awareness Month
• Outreach conducted with SCM and Simsbury Police Department

NEW BUSINESS
Appointments
• Terry Henault appointed as full member
• Danielle Hill appointed as alternate member

Sweet Connections
• 250th celebration planned
• Fall date to be determined

Summer Luncheon – July 30, 2026
• Menu: sandwiches, chips, ice cream
• Volunteers needed (11:15 A.M.–1:30 P.M.)

Police Department Meeting – Handicap Parking
• Discussion of "Peace Love Accessibility" initiative, https://www.peaceloveaccessibility.com/
• Concerns regarding misuse of handicap placards
• Consideration of courtesy notices and education efforts
• Accessibility parking assumptions discussed

Ojakian Commons Meeting
• Maintenance and management responsibilities discussed
• Transportation concerns related to facility van/driver

2025–2026 Budget Update
• Printing costs discussed

Subcommittees
• Final structure for succession planning distributed (handout referenced)

OTHER BUSINESS
• Resource guide updates provided by Jen Seiderer, including transportation updates and File of Life event video
• Seminar planning underway (Jen Kirkland and Sandee Fleet), Aug 27th, from 7-8 PM (at the library, hybrid)
Lawyer Neil Kraner: the documents that parents need to get in place to support children with disabilities as they move to adulthood, including trusts, ABLE accounts, POAs and guardianships.
• Voting accessibility report underway (Jen Kirkland)
• Sensory Halloween event scheduled for October 28 at The Apple Barn
• Sensory Santa tentatively scheduled for December (date subject to availability of Santa)

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M. Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

Submitted by,
Margaret Haldeman
Clerk