



# TOWN OF MONROE

## Commission for the Aging

### Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - 2:00 PM  
Monroe Senior Center

#### CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:

- *Chairperson Bannay* called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.
  - **PRESENT:** Susan Bannay, Chairperson  
Leslie Gosselin, Vice Chairperson  
Jeanne Nicolett, Secretary  
Kathleen Sochacki, Commissioner  
Sam Tucci, Commissioner
  - **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Kimberly A. Cassia, Municipal Agent
  - **ABSENT:** Jonathan Formicella, Town Council Liaison  
Vivian Capoccitti, Commissioner

#### MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

- There being no corrections or deletions to the March 5<sup>th</sup> minutes *Chair Bannay* announced that the minutes shall stand as read.

#### CHAIRPERSON REPORT: SUSAN BANNAY

- Marion Callo has resigned from the Commission.
- Happy to report a successful Town Council meeting on the Senior Tax credit program with supportive discussion. There was an editorial in the Monroe Sun which was posted on Facebook with a variety of comments.

#### MUNICIPAL AGENT / DIRECTOR'S REPORT: KIMBERLY CASSIA

##### Municipal Agent:

- Reviewed statistics, noting increase in energy assistance and health insurance.
- United Health Care reached an agreement with Hartford Healthcare no changes to the plan.
- Focal Point Designation – *Director Cassia* completed an application to designate the Center as a facility where anyone in the community can obtain information and access to aging services, something that we have and will continue to do. This designation has a variety of benefits.

##### Director:

- Reviewed April programs and special events.
- Completed grants: Community Impact Grant, SWCAA grants, DOT 5310 grant for a new bus, MGP grant. Need to work on MGP grant due in May, NAA grant due in July and keep checking on the EFSP grant.
- Scheduled ARPA facility upgrade for bathroom doors, trying to schedule time to do bathroom floors and carpeted areas.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- No reports.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Senior Friendly Sticker Program** – commission voted not to pursue this matter.

- **Bill No. 513** – no updates yet.
- **Property Tax & Senior Tax Credits** – reported under *Chair Bannay's* report. One item to look at in the future would be freezing taxes for individuals 75 and older. *Chair Bannay* suggested gathering information from other Town's regarding their programs in terms of age limit, years required to be a town resident and more.
- **Affordable Senior Housing** – nothing to report.
- **Senior Tax Abatement Program in Trumbull** – may look into a program in the future.
- **Commission Emails** – *Vice Chair Gosselin* discussed town emails. She, *Commissioner Tucci and Sochacki* would like accounts; Director Cassia to email Vida Stone and the Town IT department to set up.
- **Needs Assessment** – *Commissioner Bannay* discussed doing a survey to determine what items are of concern to our seniors housing, economic, employment, health, recreational and other matters.
- **Budget** – *Chair Bannay* inquired about a budget for the Commission, *Director Cassia* informed her that the Commission can submit a budget in December.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Director Cassia* – mentioned a news release from Social Security titled Social Security Strengthens Identity Proofing Requirements and Expedites Direct Deposit Changes to One Day.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- No public present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- With no further business the meeting ended at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nicolett  
Secretary