

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.
May 15, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Glenn Havumaki, Steve Allinson, Bob Hughes, Julie Robison, Rocco DiGenova, Jane Fisher, Sean Doherty, Susan Gomes, Ron Graziani, Audrey Grove, Tara Knapp, Gus Trujillo, Rosemary DeAngelis, Karin Pyskaty and Ann Zak, Erin Ambler

EXCUSED:

ABSENT: Evangeline Bourgeois

President Jane Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

President Fisher welcomed Bob Hughes to the Board. She extended condolences on behalf of the Board to Tara Knapp on the passing of her mother.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Fisher asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 17th, 2026 Secretary's Report.

Rosemary DeAngelis made a motion to accept April Secretary's Minutes. Steve Allinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2026 Operating Account Report

Treasurer Gus Trujillo reported for the 11 months ending April 2026. Receipts are \$955,897.09 which is \$12,622.81 under the budgeted amount of \$968,519.90. Expenditures are \$881,347.59 which is \$87,172.31 below the budgeted amount.

Tara Knapp made a motion to accept the April Operating Account Report. Sean Doherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

April 2026 Program Account Report

Commissions from Silver Sneakers, etc. swipes and trips =\$2,967

Karin Pyskaty made a motion to accept the April Program Account Report. Sean Doherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Fisher asked that the Consent Agenda be accepted.

Tara Knapp made a motion to accept the May Consent Agenda. Rosemary DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

ED Zak reviewed 2022 strategic plan progress and next steps.

Goal	Status	Next Steps
Website	Updated and improved	Continue enhancements as needed
Hours	Expand to Saturdays 9:00-1:00	Monitor and evaluate

Front desk	Implemented paid staffing	Monitor and evaluate
Signage	Digital sign installed	Completed
Community Partnerships	Collaborating with Y&SS LSW for mental health support; Coordinate with WPL for outreach & referrals	Continue outreach and collaboration with community partners
Civic	Joined Chamber of Commerce	Completed
Fundraising	Identified specific programs to support	Monitor and evaluate
Community Programs	Provide programming in the community, e.g.: Medicare presentation at WPL	Continue to seek opportunities
Transportation	Out-of-town requested for medical appointments	Adding 1 day to start
Electronic Payments	Accepting electronic payments for registration and donations	Expand as feasible

ED Zak shared future goals/ideas and entertained discussion.

Generate strategies to increase membership in the 55-65 age range
Upgrade technology to accommodate members who are unable to attend in-person programming
Develop intergenerational/family oriented programming
Expand Memory Lane hours to benefit family/caregivers
Consider partnering w local restaurants for gourmet tastings and mocktails
Enhance social media presence
Offer tech skills training to enhance members' proficiency
Offer link to Prime Times via email blast to address slow mail service

ED Zak shared the mission statement member survey, which will be updated in May and revealed at the June 25th Anniversary celebration, Thursday, June 11, 12-2 pm.

ED Zak reported on her attendance at the annual meeting of the CT Assoc. of Senior Center Personnel(CASP). Many centers nationally are rebranding or renaming their Senior Centers, which generated a discussion, pro and con. One idea was to brand activities aimed at new members/younger seniors as the Iris Club.

Program Director

Raffle and silent auction will occur in conjunction with the Fleetwood Mac tribute concert will support Join Hands for Happiness campaign. Tickets are still available.

President Fisher thanked Erin Ambler and Susan White for their hard work on the successful Volunteer Lunch.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Ann Zak reported that the town budget process was completed and approved as presented. As a result, the Senior Center will be able to fund: expanded hours to Saturdays, 9:00-1:00, pending the addition of staff (no transportation or food service), and out-of-town transportation for medical appointments starting August/September one day per week, destination TBA.

NEW BUSINESS

President Fisher initiated a discussion regarding Committee assignments, noting that some could be consolidated, redefined, etc. Members will let President Fisher know which committee assignments they are interested in, to be discussed at next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Tara Knapp made the motion to adjourn. Karin Pyskaty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 10:28.

Next meeting June 12, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gomes
Secretary