**Commission on Aging**

# TOWN OF TRUMBULL
# CONNECTICUT

**Town Hall**
**5866 Main Street**
**Trumbull, Connecticut 06611**

Trumbull Commission on Aging Meeting
Friday, August 28, 2026
2:00 pm
Council Chambers, Trumbull Town Hall

AGENDA

**Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

**Approval of Past Minutes** – June 26, 2026

**Discussion of Referendum Strategies for the Proposed Senior Center – Administration**

**Reports**

1. Senior Center Report - Mrs. Jakab/Ms. Mogensen
2. Stern Village – Ms. Vega
3. Chairman's Report – Mr. Foligno

**New Business**

**Old Business**

1. COACT Meeting Update – Mr. McGeary/Mr. Ryan
2. Update - Website Content – Ms. Gilbert Taylor/Ms. Bordelon
3. Concerns of and Concerns for Senior Citizens

**Next Meeting** – September 25, 2026

**Adjournment**

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**Present:** Chairman Ron Foligno, Mark Ryan, Linda Randall, Evelyn Wiesner, Kathleen Bordelon, Paul McGeary, Debra Gilbert Taylor

Absent: Eve Rothbard

Also Present: Cindy Katske, Chief Administrative Officer and Michele Jakab, Director of Human Services

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Mr. Foligno followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**
No public comment.

**Past Minutes**
**Mr. McGeary motioned to approve the minutes of April 24, 2026; seconded by Ms. Wiesner. Approved with abstentions from Ms. Wiesner and Ms. Randall.**

**Mr. McGeary motioned to approve the minutes of May 29, 2026; seconded by Ms. Wiesner. Motion passed 3 (Foligno, Ryan, Randall)-0-4 (Wiesner, Bordelon, McGeary and Gilbert Taylor)**

Mrs. Katske updated the following from the discussions at the May 29 meeting:

1. The Administration still recognizes the need for a new Senior Center. The $275,000 approved by the Town Council includes the funding for the telephone survey and other associated actions that may need to be taken in reference to the proposed Senior Center.
2. The Homestead Act is being reviewed by the Administration. Revaluation was discussed in regard to taxes, budget and mill rate. Appraisals are still being completed; new rates will be in the tax bills in 2027.

**Reports**

Senior Center Report

Ms. Jakab reported the following for Ms. Mogensen:

1. The garden at the Center is doing well with help from Senior Center and community members. Class on gardening is being held. All produce will be given to the Food Pantry for distribution.
2. September is Senior Center Month – theme is Birthdays. Special events are being planned.
3. Volunteer Lunch is scheduled for July 24. Invitations have been sent to the volunteers.
4. Two high school students have joined the seasonal staff. The purpose is to teach job and social skills. They will be helping in the Pantry and will return during school breaks and summers to help in the future.
5. A full time bus driver is being hired; passenger endorsement is required. GBT will provide some of the transportation until the new individual is on board. GBT also takes veterans to the VA Hospital through a grant.
6. Prom date is to be announced soon.
7. Trip policy has been changed to make it more accessible to members. A survey is being prepared to see what options should be considered.

Stern Village

Ms. Vega was unable to attend but submitted the following report:

1. At Stern Village**,** the current waitlist stands at 55 applicants**.** We have issued 20 additional full applications**,** with a return deadline of July 1, 2026**.** There are currently 12 vacancies**,** with 5 units ready for immediate occupancy**.**
2. At the Congregate**,** the waitlist is 29 applicants**,** and there are 2 units ready for housing.
3. Stern Village will continue to manage its waitlist accordingly and is anticipated to reopen the waitlist in January 2027 or sooner, if capacity allows**.** The Housing Authority will continue outreach and networking efforts and is planning to host an open house in early fall for individuals interested in viewing available units and learning more about the property. Additional details will be shared as the date approaches.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Foligno noted the following:

1. Construction on the new Veterans Building will begin next week with completion in January or February.

**New Business**

Discussion was held regarding the referendum strategy including survey results. Mrs. Katske noted the Town Council conducted a special meeting where the survey results were presented; Commissioners were encouraged to watch the meeting on TCTV/YouTube for full information, (Town Council minutes of June 17 and PowerPoint presentation are posted with these minutes). Additional meetings are expected to be held to discuss possible strategies. It was interesting to note the survey results indicated residents

now prefer a community center; this was the original concept but focus changed to just a senior center due to resident input at the time. Mrs. Jakab noted the Center is being utilized as a community center at this time.

**Old Business**

1. Update – Telephone Survey – previously discussed.
2. COACT Meeting Update – Mr. McGeary and Mr. Ryan updated the Commission on the previous meetings held. Mr. Ryan noted one particular discussion included Colchester and their process for approval of a new center. They hired a referendum strategist to assist them. Information has been forwarded to the First Selectman. Mr. McGeary noted other towns have a community center with a pool that attracts the younger families. The Center is currently being used by the Community Theater each night. Mrs. Jakab is speaking with Parks and Recreation regarding other program possibilities.
3. Update – Website Content – Ms. Bordelon and Ms. Taylor Gilbert discussed their progress noting the document is approximately 30 pages and is being edited to become a Senior Resource Guide. Once the content is fully approved, it will be placed on the Town website. Plan is to have a downloadable format so it can be printed.
4. Volunteer Program Evaluation – Mrs. Jakab noted her staff has been tasked to conduct a comprehensive review of all the senior tax programs. Mrs. Katske noted the volunteer program is an ordinance of the Town Council that can only be changed by the Council; would require public hearings. Findings will be presented to the Director of Finance and the Tax Assessor.

Mrs. Katske described the Fourth of July events planned in the Town and encouraged everyone to attend. Check the Town website for details.

**Next Meeting**

Friday, August 28, 2026.

**Adjournment**

**There being no further business, Ms. Randall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 pm; seconded by Mrs. Gilbert Taylor and approved by unanimous consent.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk