

**TOWN OF ENFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026 – 2:00 P.M.
DSS, ALCORN SCHOOL, 1010 ENFIELD STREET**

Attendance

Present: Pauline Devino, Alice Egan, Dave Goyette, Cynthia Guerreri, Staff Liaison, Mary Ann Harris, Justin Lopez, Elderly Care Services Coordinator and Tim Slade. **Absent (Excused):** Mike Arnone Jr., Bob Cressotti, Council Liaison, Mary Keller, Enfield Senior Center Manager, Bill Kiner, Priscilla (Pat) Linehan, Will St. George, Kay Tallarita, and Lori Unghire, Council Liaison.

I. Welcome

Chairman Alice Egan opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. Secretary's Report

Alice Egan asked if everyone reviewed the minutes. With no corrections needed, Dave Goyette made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Tim Slade seconded. Everyone approved through a show of hands.

III. Treasurer's Report:

Tim Slade presented the financial report for June 2026. He commented that we are returning about \$4,900.00 back to the Town of the \$10,000.00 allowed for the current budget year. Some of the expenses unused this budget year were for the Symposium and other COA Initiatives. When asked, Cindy Guerreri commented that the Commission has been approved for a \$10,000.00 budget for the FY2026/2027 budget year. Tim asked the members if we wished to change any of the amounts currently allocated to the various budget categories, however, there was a consensus to leave the budget categories the same as the previous budget year using the FY2026 guidelines. Dave Goyette made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented and Mary Ann Harris seconded the motion. All approved through a show of hands.

IV. Senior Center Focus

Mary Keller was absent, however, provided a written Senior Center update including the following: dedication of the Great Room at the Senior Center in Kay Tallarita's name on Friday June 12th and the official switch over to MyRec software as of June 1st which allows for accepting on registrations with a credit or debit card, however, people can still register in person with cash or check. She indicated that Dorey Marinone started working full time at the front desk on July 1st with the title of Program Specialist. COA is sponsoring a Sheryl Faye performance of Eleanor Roosevelt on July 9th. The CT Belles Performance: A Tribute to America 250th is scheduled for July 16th at 1:30 p.m. During the month of July on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. we are offering Creative Connections with Mahan Husain. These workshops are designed to encourage creativity, memory sharing and emotional well-being through simple, accessible activities. The free movie 1776 will be shown on July 10th as part of the 250th celebration; snacks are provided by the Friends of the Enfield Senior Center. In addition, there will be presentations on the following: Military Research on July 17th, Diversity of CT Wild Beeson July 22nd and

Broadway Music, History and more through the Ages on July 31st at 1:30 p.m. There was also a reminder that annual fund-raising has begun in July.

V. Social Services Update

Cindy Guerrerri reported that she has finished the year end budget process and is starting the new budget. She noted that there was an excellent presentation in June on building a leadership committee. It was good training on how to run a successful coalition. She mentioned that Alice Egan is the COA liaison to the Enfield Together Mental Health and Wellness Leadership committee and that Mike Arnone, Jr. is on the Enfield Connects Task Force. These committees are exploring creative ways to help people connect in the community such as through the Bingo Card initiative and through Business Boxes where Pat Linehan may be able to participate by presenting to the Chamber of Commerce. Cindy suggested that going forward reports from the Enfield Together Leadership Committee and Enfield Connects Task Force be added to the agenda instead of being discussed under the Social Services Update.

I. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senior Living TV Program

In Pat Linehan's absence, Dave Goyette reported that the program is taking a hiatus until October, however, that shows have been booked until November. He spoke about the Press Release for the national award, but indicated that he did not know when the plaque will be received. There was discussion about where to place the plaque and how many additional plaques should be ordered. Suggested locations for displaying the plaques included COX, Library, Senior Center and the Social Services Lobby.

B. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

In Kay Tallarita's absence, Cindy Guerrerri reported that two additional requests for camp payment were received after the June 30th deadline. Tim Slade commented that these expenses totaling almost \$425.00 will have to be expensed to the new FY2027 budget thereby reducing the new budgeted amount. Cindy commented that camp costs for 5 different camps for this year have amounted to about \$1,322,00.

C. Triad

Dave Goyette reported that Triad will be meeting on the first Tuesday in August. In September, M&T Bank is planning to host a financial fraud presentation. He also mentioned that as suggested, community police officers are visiting the Senior Center monthly for support and that Triad is waiting in September to hear if firefighters will also be having a drop in service to visit with Senior Center members much like what the community police officers do.

D. Choices/Senior Medicare Patrol

Will St. Goerge was absent so there was no report.

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E. Symposium

Pat Linehan was absent so there was no report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Friends of the Enfield Senior Center

There was no report this month, however, Dave Goyette mentioned that in speaking with Marlene Hoginski, there is still money left from the COA donation and that the Friends would like to use this money to plan for a meal around Thanksgiving for 70-75 people.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. COA Initiatives

- COA Navigator –Mike Arnone Jr. was absent so it was suggested that discussion about this initiative continue upon Mike's return.
- Town Council Report. -Town Council members were absent so there was no report.

IX. Announcements -Cindy Guerreri announced that Town Manager Matt Coppler has resigned and will be leaving for a new opportunity in Michigan in September. Dave Goyette also commented that we need to recruit one additional member to the COA since we have had one recent resignation.

X. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Dave Goyette made a motion to adjourn, and Mary Ann Harris seconded. It passed unanimously and Alice Egan adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the DSS Alcorn School Large Conference Room. No meeting in August.

Respectfully Submitted by Pauline Devino, Secretary

Gina Cekala, Mayor
Matthew Coppler, Town Manager
Bob Cressotti, Council Liaison
Cindy Guerreri, Staff Liaison & Director of Social Services
Mary Keller, Enfield Senior Center Manager
Lori Unghire, Council Liaison