

Town of Ridgefield Commission on Aging ('CoA') Meeting

Monday, February 26 2024, 2:30pm

Town Hall - Small Conference Room, 400 Main St, Ridgefield, CT

- CoA meetings are conducted under Robert’s Rules of Order. All participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy, and fairness. Debates are to remain respectful, and civility must prevail. Individuals will be recognized for 3 minutes after CoA discussion but before a CoA vote. All items on the agenda are presented as possible action items (i.e. vote) by the CoA. Those requiring special accommodations for this meeting, including a hearing assistance device, are asked to contact the First Selectperson’s Office at 203-431-2774 or selectman@ridgefieldct.gov.
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Agenda

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1.	Public Comment	All																																								
2.	Approve 1/22/2024 minutes	Ternullo																																								
3.	CoA 2024 Goals Progress Reports:																																									
i.	Collaborate with Fire Department (FD) to distribute File of Life to requesting residents, explore ways CoA can assist FD in creating awareness of and participation in FD’s safety initiatives, and invite Fire Chief to present at a 2024 Senior Voices forum.	Yaffa																																								
ii.	Write to SB to express support for a cost-of-living adjustment for all elderly-related tax credits, tax deferments and renter abatements and offer to engage in primary research needed and appear before the SB in further support. Report: Completed	Ternullo																																								
iii.	Explore whether CoA is the proper organization to identify senior citizen behavioral health needs and coordinate municipal programs re same. Report: In Process	Ternullo																																								
iv.	Grow CoA’s email list and develop a recurring CoA communication plan	Yaffa																																								
v.	Activate a CoA grants program Report: Early stage of formation	Ternullo																																								
vi.	With Commissioner Tewes as editor- in-chief, explore expanding the Senior Directory to a revenue generating publication	Tewes																																								
vii.	Adopt and grow Gold Card Program	Martin																																								
viii.	Launch an awards program celebrating excellence and commitment to serving seniors	Beebe/Culhane																																								
ix.	Explore the feasibility of CoA authoring a book on high performing CoA’s Report: Not Started	Ternullo																																								
4.	Discussion of commissioner terms to comply with Charter. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Commissioner</th> <th>Current Expiration 4/1 of:</th> <th>Transition</th> <th>Cohort</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bancel</td> <td>2026</td> <td>4/2026</td> <td>Even Year #1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beebe</td> <td>2025</td> <td>4/2025</td> <td>Odd Year #1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Culhane</td> <td>2026</td> <td>4/2026</td> <td>Even Year #2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Martin</td> <td>2026</td> <td>4/2026</td> <td>Even Year #3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saleeby</td> <td>2026</td> <td>4/2025 (only change required)</td> <td>Odd Year #2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ternullo</td> <td>2025</td> <td>4/2025</td> <td>Odd Year #3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tewes</td> <td>2026</td> <td>4/2026</td> <td>Even Year #4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yaffa</td> <td>2025</td> <td>4/2025</td> <td>Odd Year #4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vacancy</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>4/2025 (to facilitate transition set at '25)</td> <td>Odd Year #5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Commissioner	Current Expiration 4/1 of:	Transition	Cohort	Bancel	2026	4/2026	Even Year #1	Beebe	2025	4/2025	Odd Year #1	Culhane	2026	4/2026	Even Year #2	Martin	2026	4/2026	Even Year #3	Saleeby	2026	4/2025 (only change required)	Odd Year #2	Ternullo	2025	4/2025	Odd Year #3	Tewes	2026	4/2026	Even Year #4	Yaffa	2025	4/2025	Odd Year #4	Vacancy	n/a	4/2025 (to facilitate transition set at '25)	Odd Year #5	Beebe
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5.	Follow Up regarding invitations to state elected officials to attend/speak at Senior Voices	Ternullo																																								
6.	Informational: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CoA Meeting: 2:30 pm on 3/18 at Town Hall Small Conference Room - Senior Voices: 1:00 pm on 3/12 at the library – Marconi/Devane present Survey results 	All																																								
7.	New: a) express opinion re gas blowers? (b) town email addresses for all commissioners.	Ternullo																																								
8.	Adjourn																																									