

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

Monday, March 18, 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

#	Description	Lead																																								
1.	Public Comment	All																																								
2.	Approve 2/26/2024 minutes	Ternullo																																								
3.	Progress Report - CoA 2024 Goals:																																									
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 deferrals and renter abatements and offer to engage in primary research needed and appear before the SB in further support. Report: Completed	N/A Goal Achieved																																								
iii.	Explore whether CoA is the proper organization to identify senior citizen behavioral health needs and coordinate municipal programs re same. Report: Formal report being drafted	Ternullo																																								
iv.	Grow CoA’s email list and develop a recurring CoA communication plan	Yaffa																																								
v.	Activate a CoA grants program Report: Draft plan will be presented at April CoA meeting	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/Saleeby																																								
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: Goal dropped to enable more ability to focus on Goal 3, Grants.	N/A Goal Dropped																																								
4.	Discussion of commissioner terms to comply with Charter. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Commissioner</th> <th>Expires on 4/1:</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	Expires on 4/1:	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 from 2/26 Meeting: Fencing erected on Grove St. hard-topped sidewalk pathway	Ternullo																																								
6.	Housekeeping: Town email addresses for commissioners and CoA website updates	Ternullo																																								
7.	Informational: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CoA Meeting: 2:30 pm on 4/15 at Town Hall Small Conference Room - Senior Voices: 1:00 pm on 4/9 at the library – Tax Assessor Al Garzi presents on tax credits, tax abatements, tax deferrals, and rental rebates available to Ridgefield residents 	All																																								
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