



## **WATERTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL  
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
61 ECHO LAKE ROAD, WATERTOWN, CT**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Melanie Flaherty, Chair

II. Roll Call

**PRESENT:**

Melanie Flaherty, Chair  
Cynthia Blanchard, Vice Chair  
Sally Kuslis  
Alan Mickel  
Karen Hosking  
Debra Desena  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Vacancy

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Ganem, Director of Parks, Recreation, Senior and Social Services

III. Election of Officers

*The Chair made a motion to table the Election of Officers until next month. Second by Cynthia Blanchard.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Public Participation

None.

V. Correspondence

- A. Revised invitation from the WCAAA for the COA members to attend a webinar on January 16, 2026, from 3 to 4:30. All Commission on Aging members across the state are invite to attend and share ideas.

VI. Approval of Minutes:

- A. December 18, 2025, Regular Meeting

*Motion by Alan Mickel, seconded by Sally Kuslis, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2025*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

VII. Reports

- A. Chairman – no report

- B. Parks & Recreation Director

Michael Ganem reported:

- The Pre-Procurement session for the next senior bus will be held at the CT DOT next week. Unlike previous grant cycles, the formula for reimbursing the state for any monies received from a trade-in is not 100%
- Budget highlights were presented to the COA. This budget will be presented to the Town Council on March 2, 2026, at 7 pm

- C. Senior Center Coordinator/Municipal Services

Laura Garay

- Provided a written report

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

The importance of receiving vaccinations, among our vulnerable citizens, is suggested by the medical community.

X. Adjournment -

*Motion: Alan Mickel seconded by Karen Hosking to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:15 P.M.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

---

Melanie Flaherty, Chair  
Watertown Commission on Aging

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan King, Clerk