

Chapter 4. Aging, Commission on

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Griswold 5-24-2006.^[1] Amendments noted where applicable.]

[1] *Editor's Note: This enactment also repealed former Ch. 4, Commission on Aging, adopted 11-12-1998.*

§ 4-1. Establishment.

There is hereby established a Commission on Aging for the Town of Griswold.

§ 4-2. Appointment; membership; terms.

[Amended 5-22-2017 STM]

- A. The Commission shall consist of five voting members. The Municipal Agent for the Elderly and a health professional licensed and registered by the State of Connecticut shall each be members of the Commission. The other three members shall be electors of the Town of Griswold and appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and shall include, to the extent practicable, a liaison for each senior citizen organization in Griswold. The First Selectman shall be a sixth, nonvoting, ex officio member of the Commission.
- B. The initial terms of each member, other than those of the Municipal Agent for the Elderly and a health professional, shall be deemed to begin on July 1, 2018, and shall be as follows:
 - (1) One member shall serve for a period for three years;
 - (2) One member shall serve for a period of two years;
 - (3) One member shall serve for a period of one year; and
 - (4) Thereafter, prior to the expiration of the initial term of each of the three respective members set forth above in this § 4-2B, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint or reappoint a successor member to serve on the Commission for a term of two years and until his or her successor is appointed and has qualified; provided, the same individual may be reappointed as a successor member, but shall not have a right to such reappointment. The Board of Selectmen retain all rights and authority to appoint, reappoint and/or nonreappoint any member of the Commission for a successor term.

§ 4-3. Meetings.

The Commission shall meet regularly no less than once during every three consecutive calendar months, but the Commission may otherwise meet as often as it deems necessary.

§ 4-4. Chairman and Vice Chairman.

[Amended 5-22-2017 STM]

On or before January 1, 2018, the Commission members shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman for a term of office to commence January 1, 2018 and to expire December 31, 2018. Annually thereafter, at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission prior to the expiration of the terms of the then-current Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Commission shall elect Chairman and Vice Chairman for subsequent one-year terms (each to commence on January 1 and expire on December 31 of the then-applicable year). If the position of Chairman or Vice Chairman should become vacant for any reason, the Commission shall elect a replacement for the balance of the relevant term as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs. The Vice Chairman shall act in place of the Chairman whenever the Chairman is absent or the Chairman's position is vacant. If the Commission should fail to elect a Chairman or Vice Chairman in accordance with this section, the Board of Selectmen may appoint such office for the relevant term.

§ 4-5. Powers and duties.

The duties of the Commission on Aging shall be as follows:

- A. Determine the needs and problems of the elderly and alert the Board of Selectmen and the Senior Citizen Center Director to them.
- B. Review and evaluate the services offered and available to the elderly.
- C. Advise the elderly of the Town of Griswold of the services and programs available to them and encourage their participation in the use of such services.
- D. Serve as advisers to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance in relation to the financial support of the programs for the elderly of the Town of Griswold.
- E. Assist and cooperate with the senior organizations in the Town of Griswold and endeavor to coordinate programs and services through those organizations.
- F. Review and recommend local applications for federal and state funding to be used to provide services and programs for the elderly, including transportation, health, information and referral, companionship, outreach and recreation.

§ 4-6. Compensation.

The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but the necessary expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the Town through proper appropriation procedures.