

**Commission on the Aging  
4 Brush Hill Road  
New Fairfield, Ct 06812**

**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday April 27, 2021  
Zoom Meeting 7:30pm**

**Join zoom meeting:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/91441255226>

**Meeting Moderator:** Paul Gouveia

**Members in Attendance:** Anita Brown, Kathy Hull, Cindy LaCour, Janet Loya, Roberta Ilardo and Maureen Salerno. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guest Speaker**

Darylle Willenbrock, Choices Counselor, Representative from Western Ct. Area Agency on Aging to discuss Medicare Advertising. Darylle said they are hoping to get a grant to do more advertising so they can reach more people to make better decisions about their health care plan options. Darylle said she would like for them to be the first one seniors reach out to with questions. Darylle said Medicare Advantage is not good for people with ongoing medical issues. It does offer dental, optical and hearing and may work for people who are otherwise healthy. Discussed Medicare, supplemental plans, prescription drug plans, Medicare savings plans, and Medicare Advantage. Discussed how the advertising on tv is legal and legitimate but misleading. Darylle stressed the importance of reviewing your insurance plan every year.

**Motion to Approve Minutes from 3-16-21**

3-16-21 Minutes will be amended to include Roberta Ilardo as in attendance. Janet Loya made a motion to approve the 3-16-21 meeting minutes as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Brown, all in favor.

**Approved as amended**

**Correspondence/Announcements**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Nominations for Outstanding Senior of the Year- Commission discussed nominees and said they would continue discussion and potential nominees via email.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

Housing- Anita Brown discussed a guidebook called the Affordable Housing Plan Guidebook, published in 2020. She has a digital copy and would try to get it out to Commission members if they were interested. Also discussed was having a speaker from the Dept. of Housing come and speak at the June meeting.

Senior Center Listening Session- No listening sessions this past month.

Taxes- Tax extension until May 17<sup>th</sup>. Senior have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to apply for the abatement program.

Transportation- No discussion

### **Senior Center Report**

Kathy Hull said they are making plans to reopen in June. Seniors would have to preregister to come to the Senior Center and check-in at the door. She will have more information on the reopening at the next meeting. Senior Center website: [newfairfieldseniorcenter.com](http://newfairfieldseniorcenter.com) there is also a link from the town's website. Kathy discussed celebrating/honoring their volunteers and said there is a video on the senior center's website if anyone is interested.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjourn**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberta Ilardo, all in favor.

**Adjourned @ 8:35pm**

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By: Holly Z Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield