

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

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 22, 2021
Zoom Meeting 7:30pm**

Meeting Moderator: Paul Gouveia

Pledge of Allegiance

Members in Attendance

Anita Brown, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, Janet Loya, and Maureen Salerno. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Guest Speaker

Michael Santoro, Director of the Office of Policy Research and Housing at the Ct Dept of Housing- Moving forward with affordable housing in New Fairfield.

Anita Brown welcomed Michael Santoro and thanked him for coming to talk to the Commission. Mr. Santoro discussed his role/position at the Dept. of Housing and answered questions that had been given to him by the Commission prior to the meeting. Mr. Santoro informed the Commission of a guidebook available to help/guide towns or groups through the process of creating affordable housing in their area. He informed the Commission of an Affordable Housing Planning Grant that the Town can apply for and can receive up to \$15k. He also discussed grants available up to \$50k to help with building affordable senior housing once a plan is in place and a location has been chosen. Mr. Santoro stated that the key is to have a strong base of willing and committed volunteers.

Motion to approve Minutes

Anita Brown made a motion to approve the 5-25-21 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Kathy Hull, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence/Announcements

No correspondence. Maureen Salerno informed the Commission that their budget has been approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing- Anita Brown stated that she has the guidebook that Mr. Santoro discussed and wants to it to create a plan. She said she will also reach out to Khris Hall to help apply for the grant.

Senior Center Listening Session-No discussion

Taxes- Janet Loya said that there was no interest in listening sessions regarding taxes.

Transportation- Selectman Khris Hall was present and informed the Commission of the formation of FISH (Friends in Service Here) to help drive residents to appointments and shopping. She said it is a Not for Profit and that they will be fundraising for this. They need to have insurance.

Senior Center Report

Kathy Hull said the Senior Center has been open for in person programming since June 7th and that seniors have to pre-register to attend in person. Per Kathy so far it has been going smoothly. The mask policy is that masks are recommended but optional for those who are vaccinated (honor system).

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Anita Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Janet Loya, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.