

**COMMISSION ON THE AGING
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 27, 2007

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday March 27, 2007 at the New Fairfield Senior Sunshine Center. Maureen Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Secretary, Laurie Busse, took the minutes.

Present: Maureen Salerno, Chairperson, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairperson Kathy Hull, Katy Johannssen, Bob Alberetti, Jeannette Sweeney, Janet Loya and Roberta Ilardo,

Excused: John Brennan and Diane Giardina

Jeannette Sweeney and Janet Loya were elevated to full voting status.

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting as amended, 2nd by Jeannette Sweeney, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Connecticut Commission on the Aging meeting May 3, 2007
- Art Azzarito, Board of Finance alternate stated the Board of Selectmen formed a committee to take another look at tax relief for the elderly in New Fairfield.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update On The Progress Of The New Senior Center:

John Hodge is still getting numbers together for the new Senior Center. The 1st Selectman is looking to have the Senior Center built has a modular because it would be less expensive than stick built. This issue came about when the Town discovered since they are receiving State money for the Senior Center, then they must pay prevailing wage which is quite costly. The Senior Center received a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 15, 2007. The Senior Center will be on the budget referendum and the "Friends of the Senior Center" will take out a full page add in the Citizen News.

2. Older Americans Month:

- a. Senior Center Breakfast: The Breakfast will be on May 10 in the Amber Room and there has been a good response with approximately 20 to 30 tables.
- b. Community Resource Fair for Seniors and Their Families: The Community Resource Fair will be held on June 2, 2007 from 10am to 12 noon attendees can walk in, visit the tables they wish and leave. Refreshments may be offered for sale. The Commission would like to have signs up to advertise the Resource Fair. The cost of the signs is \$165 (one hundred sixty five dollars) for 100 single sided signs that are 24" x 18". Maureen Salerno will look into the cost for double sided signs. Ideas to put on the signs are Aging in Place, Resource Fair June 2, 2007 10-noon. There was discussion on having a raffle for anyone who brought in a family member. Maureen Salerno would like to draft a letter to every resource the Town has and invite them to have a representative present to answer questions at the Fair. There was further discussion on who are New Fairfield's resources. The list included 1st Responders, EMS, Fire, Social Services, The Sweet Hart Bus, New Fairfield Family Practice, and Therapy Arts, New Fairfield Food Center (Johnny's) for premade meals and delivery service, Library's delivery service, Meals on Wheels, Traveling Vet and hair stylists, Handyman from Village Hardware, Link to Life Emergency Response System, Adult Day Care. The tables at the Fair will be categorized by the type of service such as transportation, EMS, etc.

3. Nominations for Chair

The Commission discussed Maureen Salerno's and Cindy LaCour's performance as Chair and Vice Chair. Kathy Hull made a motion to elect Maureen Salerno for Chairman, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, all in favor. Roberta Ilardo made a motion to elect Cindy LaCour for Vice Chairman, 2nd by Kathy Hull, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Hull requested the Senior Center Report be tabled until the next Commission on the Aging meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:--None heard

Jeannette Sweeney made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm, 2nd by Bob Alberetti, all in favor.