

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 27, 2007

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday November 27, 2007 at the New Fairfield Senior Sunshine Center. Cindy LaCour called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. Secretary, Laurie Busse, took the minutes.

Present: Maureen Salerno, Chairman, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairperson, Diane Giardina, Jeannette Sweeney, Bob Alberetti, Janet Loya, and Katy Johannssen. Roberta Ilardo and Kathy Hull attended the meeting when the PBC meeting ended.

Excused: John Brennan

MINUTES:

Diane Giardina made a motion to accept the Minutes to the October 23, 2007 meeting, as amended 2nd by Kathy Hull, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A letter from Janice Zackeo regarding 2008 meeting dates.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summit Meeting Follow Up:

Cindy LaCour discussed the events of the Summit meeting. The area COAs were in favor of another summit in 6 months at a later time. A date was set for Saturday April 5, 2008 from 10am to 1pm. Cindy LaCour outlined the topics discussed at the summit which included what we have in common with our neighbors and what we have that is different. {See minutes to Summit 10/27/2007}. Further discussion focused on elderly housing, communities who already have sewers in their down town area are less likely to be opposed to elderly housing that may require sewers; for example Ridgefield.

2. Unfinished Pending Items:

- a. Liaison – Senior Center Advisory Board:

The Commission discussed some of the Commissioners are on both the Senior Center Advisory Board and the COA and perhaps someone who is not on both Boards can go to the Advisory Board meetings and report back to the COA, as the members who are on both Boards/Commissions are not obligated to report back.

b. Handyman Book:

The Commission discussed Danbury is on their second handy man book and we cannot get ours off the ground. Danbury has advertised their application in the local papers and they include contractors from the entire Greater Danbury area. The Chamber of Commerce may be a good alternative to having applications at Town Hall.

3. Self Evaluation for Next Meeting

Maureen Salerno would like the Commissioners to do a self-assessment and to set and prioritize goals. Evaluate how political should we be? Are we having an impact anywhere?

4. 2008 Meeting Schedule:

The Commission discussed the 2008 schedule; the Summit will take the place of the regular April meeting, November's meeting will take place on December 2 and act as both November and December meetings. Katy Johannssen made a motion to adopt the 2008 meeting schedule as amended 2nd by Bob Alberetti, all in favor.

5. Town Website:

The Commission discussed the new Town website. Secretary Laurie Busse is uploading Minutes and Agendas from 2007. The Mission Statement will come directly from the By-Laws. The October 27, 2007 Summit will also be posted. The current web address is Newfairfieldct.Qscend.com

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Senior Center Update:

Kathy Hull and Roberta Ilardo just came from the PBC meeting in the next room. The existing home excluding the foundation will be torn down and the foundation will be utilized as part of the new building. The senior center will be 2 floors instead of one. The lower level which is 7,300 sq ft will remain as untitled available space. The upper level which is 9,300 sq ft will be dedicated to the senior center. The corner of the new building will be out of the flood plain. The PBC hopes to have 2 cost estimates go out by the end of this week and then they can start negotiations with the State in regards to the DECD Grant. If the DECD Grant is too cumbersome or restrictive then the Town will reevaluate the DECD Grant. The Commission discussed the DECD Grant for \$650,000.00 (six hundred fifty thousand dollars).

2. Senior Center Report

Kathy Hull went over the senior center report as outlined. Some of the highlights included attendance, flu clinic, new member social and fitness classes.

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ADJOURN:

Diane Giardina made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm, 2nd by Janet Loya, all in favor.