

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

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 25, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday September 25, 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, Jeannette Sweeney, Bob Alberetti and Roberta Ilardo joined the meeting at 7:40pm

**Excused:** John Brennan, Diane Giardina, Janet Loya, Kathy Hull, and Katy Johannssen

**Appointment of Alternates:**  
Jeannette Sweeney was elevated to full voting status.

**Town Officials:** John Hodge, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman

**MINUTES:**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the August 28, 2007 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Alberetti, all in favor.

**CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Karen Riley contacted Maureen Salerno stating there is room at her table for the Hospice Breakfast on Tuesday October 2, 2007 at 7:30am.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Maureen Salerno changed the order of the Agenda to discuss the Summit first.

**1. Summit Meeting:**

The area summit meeting will be held on October 27 from 9am to 12 noon. Maureen Salerno will be away and Cindy LaCour will chair the summit. An invitation will be extended to Christine Robertson of Ridgefield Commission on the Aging. So far Danbury and Brookfield have rsvp'd. John Hodge noted the

new zoning regulations discuss elderly housing and suggested the Commission take a look at them.

**2. Senior Center Update:**

John Hodge stated the Town has signed a contract with Bob Aldridge who is the new full service architect and engineer for the senior center project. Lazarus & Sergeant are no longer in the picture because they refused to consider working with a modular and their costs dramatically increased. There is a good chance the new senior center will not be a modular and will be stick built.

John Hodge discussed the situation with the Small Cities Grant of \$650,000 {six hundred fifty thousand dollars}. With the help of MaryAnn Carson, Hartford is reviewing the final plans for the senior center. There is approximately 90 days of paperwork to be done before they will hear anything. Basically Hartford needs to know that the area dedicated to seniors is clearly defined and self contained. Originally the grant was approved with the 2 story building. Since the building is now one level, some changes were made to the floor plan to meet Hartford's requirements. The great room will be 700 to 800 {seven hundred to eight hundred} feet smaller than proposed. The buildings will be one level and connect. The parking lots will be separate as well. There is still the possibility of a youth center in a portion of one of the buildings; however this still has to go to a Town vote. John Hodge explained stipulations to the grant come when the final contract is signed. The Town is contacting other Towns that have received this grant to see how their contracts are worded. John Hodge stated the grant money is still put aside for us. If anyone would like to hear more on this issue, they should watch last weeks Board of Finance meeting on Channel 17.

**3. Unfinished/Pending Items :**

The Commission discussed tabling the remaining items on the Agenda until there are more members present.

**ADJOURN:**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:27pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeannette Sweeney, all in favor.