

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

June 26, 2007

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday June 26, 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 and, Kathy Hull

Excused: John Brennan, Katy Johannssen, Bob Alberetti, Diane Giardina, Roberta Ilardo, and Janet Loya

Appointment of Alternates:

Jeannette Sweeney was elevated to full voting status

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the May 22, 2007 meeting, 2nd by Jeannette Sweeney, all in favor. Jeannette Sweeney made a motion to accept the Minutes to the June 2, 2007 Community Resources Fair, 2nd by Kathy Hull, vote 3-0-1, Maureen Salerno abstained

CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

- Janet Loya attended the last Advisory Committee meeting.
- Janet Loya's term is up and she needs to contact the BOS requesting to be reappointed.
- Jeannette Sweeney stated her term is up and she has submitted a letter to the BOS requesting to be reappointed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen Salerno changed the Agenda and brought Evaluation of the Community Resources Fair to the top of the Agenda.

1. Evaluation Community Resources Fair, Saturday June 2, 2007:

Maureen Salerno stated she has not yet sent out thank you notes because she would like to get feed back from the Commission on how the Fair went & if the

feedback is positive, she will put in her thank you letters that this will be a yearly event.

The Commission discussed the event was very well organized, well represented by the Commission on the Aging and there was a great mix of vendors. Approximately 26 patrons attended the Fair. The time of day was OK, and perhaps next year they should plan for early May prior to Communion, graduations, or any other kind of end of the year activities; noting the Fair coincides with Older Americans Month. The setup worked well with the majority of the tables on the outside perimeter and one table in the middle, this allowed patrons to move freely about. Dr. Krier had her mobile veterinarian van outside in the parking lot and gave tours of the van. All of the businesses had free giveaways and information to hand out. Discussion focused that perhaps next year they will invite the Housing Authority in Danbury to attend. Also someone should follow up shortly after the invitations are sent because when Janet Loya called to follow up shortly after the deadline, many vendors stated they never received an invitation. Next year the Community Resources Fair for Seniors and their Families will be held Saturday May 3 2008.

The Commission discussed that next year they should focus more on advertising the fair. Maureen Salerno made a motion to make the Community Resources Fair for Seniors and their Families an annual event, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, all in favor.

2. Senior Center Building Progress Report:

Kathy Hull stated the Town has sent out a Request for Qualifications {RFQ} and received responses from 10 vendors, which was short listed to 4 vendors. The Board of Selectmen {BOS} and the Permanent Building Committee {PBC} have been very involved in this project. Last week they interviewed 2 of the vendors, one was a modular construction company and the other one was a panel built construction company. Kathy explained a panel built is different from a modular in that the panels are built and then constructed on site, whereas the modulares are entirely constructed off site. The panel built will take about 3 weeks less time to construct than stick built. Next week the Town plans to interview the 2 remaining construction companies. More site work needs to be done on the 2nd lot to satisfy the DECA Grant.

Since very few members were present, Kathy Hull made a motion to table item numbers 3 & 4 on the Agenda, duly 2nd, all in favor.

Next month Kathy Hull will give the Senior Center report for June & July.

Maureen Salerno made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, all in favor.