

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

August 26, 2008

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday August 26, 2008 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, Chairman, Bob Alberetti, Kathy Hull and Roberta Ilardo

Absent: Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairman, Janet Loya, John Brennan, Katy Johannssen, and Jeannette Sweeney

MINUTES:

Roberta Ilardo made a motion to accept the Minutes to the July 22, 2008 meeting, 2nd by, Bob Alberetti, vote 4-0.

CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Grant Award for Resource Directory

The Commission on the Aging received a grant for approximately \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) to help cover the costs of the Resource Directory. The Commission discussed we tabled it and then received the grant money so we will look for some one to help us get the directory off its feet.

2. Community Forum on Housing

The Community Forum on Housing will be on Saturday November 1, 2008 from 10:00am to 12 noon at the Senior Center. Maureen Salerno is looking for a speaker and is thinking about Myrna Grossman or Brooks Temple and then having Tom Dube as a second speaker. Maureen Salerno would like the speaker to give a general overview of housing options that are available for seniors. Discussion followed on inviting the ministers from local churches and other target audiences. The Commission also discussed advertising strategies.

3. New Senior Center Update

Discussion focused on the new architectural firm is Lazarus and Sargeant and although this is the original firm, they are not using the original architect. The new senior center will be a modular with a flat roof with a fence to hide the mechanics. The new senior center will be approximately 8,500 (eight thousand five hundred) square feet and the existing home is staying. Parking and the layout of the new senior center were also discussed. Due to the design changes the senior center must go back to Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals and are on their Agendas for September 2, 2008.

4. Commission Membership:

Bob Alberetti stated he will renew his term and the secretary will drop his letter off at Town Hall. All other members have their letters in and they are waiting for the BOS to reappoint them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull distributed the Senior Center Report for July and discussed as outlined, noting the attendance and RSVP hours are way up from last year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN:

Maureen Salerno made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, 2nd by Bob Alberetti, vote 4-0.