

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 2, 2008

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday December 2, 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, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairman, Bob Alberetti, Kathy Hull, Katy Johannssen, Jeannette Sweeney, and Janet Loya.

Absent: Roberta Ilardo and John Brennan

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the October 28, 2008 meeting as amended, 2nd by, Bob Alberetti, vote 7-0.

CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 3% Budget Freeze implemented in July for the 2008/2009 fiscal year is permanent
- Another temporary 3% budget freeze for the 2008/2009 fiscal year is being imposed; Cindy LaCour will attend the budget meeting on Tuesday December 9, 2008. The Commission will request the 3% freeze be taken from the Supply Line.
- Correspondence for the 2009/2010 fiscal year has been received. The scheduled meeting time is 3:45pm on Wednesday January 15, 2009. Maureen Salerno will request they change this time to after working hours. The Commission will request the Salary Line for the secretary remain 12 to 15 hours a month.
- John Brennan submitted his resignation via email. Laurie Busse replied to his email that in order for his resignation to take effect he must submit his resignation to the Town Clerk. A possible replacement was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Forum on Housing

Maureen Salerno wanted to thank Kathy Hull for her work as acting reporter and placing an article in the Citizen News. The Commission discussed how the Community Forum proceeded as well as some of the highlights. The commissioners who attended the Community Forum were impressed with what the guest speakers had to say regarding

housing and were glad to hear the Lutheran Church is moving forward with their project to build senior housing in New Fairfield. Laurie Busse will follow up with finance to have the members reimbursed for the costs they incurred of purchasing refreshments.

2. Grant Award for Resource Directory

Maureen Salerno stated she has found someone who is willing to help research contractors for the Resource Directory. Kathy Hull stated she has 2 new volunteers who would be able to put this information into a data base and a spread sheet. The spread sheet would show when a letter went out, when a contractor responded and when a follow up phone call was made. Discussion followed on contacting Charlotte Barrows of the Danbury Commission on the Aging.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2009 Meeting Dates:

The 2009 meeting dates were discussed as outlined. Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays the November and December meetings will be combined and the meeting will be on December 1, 2009. The May meeting date will be moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month due to the Memorial Day holiday and the February 24 meeting will be held at 7pm. This meeting will be a joint meeting of the Commission on the Aging, the Friends of the Senior Center, and the Senior Center Advisory Committee. Laurie Busse will distribute the revised meeting schedule.

2. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull distributed and discussed the Senior Center report as outlined. Discussion followed on some of the programs and trips the Senior Center offers. Kathy Hull discussed the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the New Senior Center and how that project is moving forward.

3. Educational Programs

The Commission discussed what programs they would like to have next. The Commission would like to do a yearly joint meeting with the Friends of the Senior Center and the Senior Center Advisory Committee. Discussion followed on a good time to meet. The meeting will be held on the Commission on the Aging's regular meeting date of February 24 2009, at 7pm instead of 7:30pm, noting this is the time when the Friends of the Senior Center meet. Maureen Salerno will draft a letter of invitation to the Chairs of these committees. The Commission also discussed ways to help Tom Dube Sr. and Tom Dube II in their quest to find land for senior housing. Further topics discussed for future dates is "Is There Life in New Fairfield for a Senior.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, 2nd by Jeannette Sweeney, vote 7-0.