

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

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 22, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday January 22, 2008 at the New Fairfield Senior Sunshine Center. Maureen Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Secretary, Laurie Busse, took the minutes.

**Present:** Maureen Salerno, Chairman, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairperson, Bob Alberetti, Roberta Ilardo and Kathy Hull

**Absent:** John Brennan Diane Giardina, Jeannette Sweeney, Janet Loya, and Katy Johannssen

**MINUTES:**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the November 27, 2007 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Alberetti, all in favor.

**CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Unfinished Pending Items:**
  - a. Liaison – Senior Center Advisory Board—Tabled
  - b. Handyman Book—Tabled
2. **Self Evaluation**—Tabled

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Town Website Update:**

Secretary Laurie Busse updated the Commission on the website. All of 2007 Minutes and Agendas are posted as well as Community Events Minutes and Agendas. The COA home page has links to the Senior Center, Social Services and outside organizations designed for seniors. The web address has changed

since the website went live. The direct link to the website is <http://www.newfairfield.org/content/66/488/default.aspx> and the Town website address is: <http://newfairfield.org/>

## **2. 2008/2009 Budget**

The supply line was kept the same as in the past. The secretary's salary was discussed, and the Commission requested an increase in her salary as well as 15 to 18 hours a month. The BOS discussed the possibility of the COA overseeing the Director of the Senior Center. It is not in the By-Laws for the COA to do this. The Commission also took the position this would be a full time job and not meant for volunteers.

## **3. Program Planning/Evaluation**

The Commission discussed program planning and evaluation. How do the Commissioners view the programs that have been offered? The consensus of the Commission is the Area Summits are a great way to get information and share ideas and should continue. The Resources Fair was a good idea the presenters did a lot of networking and the Commission will try again with more advertising. The other programs did not have such a great turnout. Discussion followed on pursuing the Handy Man Booklet, elderly housing and getting the new Senior Center off the ground.

## **4. Senior Center Report**

Kathy Hull handed out the Annual Report for 2007 and discussed as outline. Some of the highlights are the reported RSVP hours are 7,479.75 and 6,489 meals were served. The Monthly Senior Center report was handed out and discussed as outlined; noting meals were down and they were opened fewer days than in November.

Kathy Hull reported the new Senior Center will be over 9,000 sq. ft. which will include the raised ranch. There will be 7,000 sq ft down stairs and at this time, it has not been decided what that space will be used for. Kathy Hull, John Hodge, Bob Rawlings, Bob Aldridge, and possibly MaryAnn Carson will be going up to Hartford to discuss the conditions of the DECD Grant. Kathy Hull further discussed the changes that were made to the parking area.

## **ADJOURN:**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Alberetti, all in favor.