

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

July 22, 2008

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday July 22, 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, Janet Loya, Kathy Hull. Joining the meeting at 7:40 Roberta Ilardo & Katy Johannssen.

Absent: Bob Alberetti, John Brennan, and Jeannette Sweeney

Janet Loya was elevated to full voting status

MINUTES:

Janet Loya made a motion to accept the Minutes to the June 24, 2008 meeting, 2nd by, Maureen Salerno, vote 3-0-1. Cindy LaCour abstained.

CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen Salerno revised the order of the Agenda as follows: Community Forum on Housing, Committee Membership changed to Commission Membership, Pending Items, and lastly, Status on New Senior Center.

1. Community Forum on Housing

Maureen Salerno is in the process of lining up a speaker for this Community Forum, discussion focused on who the target audience will be, possible guest speakers/panelists, and the length of time it will take to get any type of housing in place. Tentative dates are Saturday November 1 and Wednesday evening October 29, 2008. The main speaker will give an overview of the different types of housing and have resource people available; possibly invite Tom Dube to speak. The Commission discussed if transportation is an issue for the targeted audience, then perhaps the Commission may help to provide transportation via the \$700.00 donation.

2. Commission Membership:

Diane Giardina is not requesting to be reappointed and Janet Loya will replace her as a full member. Roberta Ilardo will request to renew her term and there is no word from Bob Alberetti if he will renew his term. Maureen Salerno has already submitted her request to be reappointed to the BOS.

3. Pending Items

o Provider Resource Directory:

It's time to make up our minds—either drop the project or figure out how to make it work. Discussion followed although the Commission has been diligent in pursuing this project for some reason or other it is just not taking off. Perhaps it is time to put it to rest and we can always revisit it in the future. Cindy LaCour made a motion to table the Provider Resource Directory indefinitely with the option of pursuing this project in the future, 2nd by Katy Johannssen, vote 6-0.

o Liaison Senior Center Advisory Board:

The Senior Center Advisory Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm. The Commission discussed that although they would like to have someone from the COA attend these meetings, they are a working Commission and attending an afternoon meeting would be difficult.

4. Status on the New Senior Center

Discussion focused on the issues with the architect and the possibilities of hiring yet another architect.

o Representation at the PBC Meetings

Maureen Salerno and Kathy Hull have been attending the PBC meetings. Maureen Salerno would like a volunteer to attend the PBC Meetings; especially when she is away. The PBC has had several Special Meetings in regards to the Senior Center Project. Discussion focused on a sprinkler system and the possibility of doing away with the lower level I.E. leaving it roughed out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull distributed the Senior Center Report for June and discussed as outlined. The Senior Center has a Wii and they have Wii Sports and Wii Play; which have drawn lots of attention. The attendance and RSVP hours are way up from last year.

2. Public Comment:

Maureen Salerno will be away starting on August 27 2008.

ADJOURN:

Kathy Hull made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, vote 6-0.