

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 28, 2008

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday October 28, 2008 at the New Fairfield Senior Sunshine Center. Maureen Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Secretary, Laurie Busse, took the minutes.

Present: Maureen Salerno, Chairman, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairman, Bob Alberetti, Kathy Hull, Katy Johannssen, Jeannette Sweeney, and Roberta Ilardo at 7:40pm.

Absent: Janet Loya and John Brennan

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the September 23, 2008 meeting as amended, 2nd by, Bob Alberetti, vote 6-0.

CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1st Selectman John Hodge and Selectman Tom Corbett will be at the Community Forum.
- Still no feed back as to why the Commissioners have not been reappointed.
- Janet Loya sent a thank you card to Maureen Salerno thanking the entire commission for the flowers we sent her.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Maureen Salerno changed the order of the Agenda as follows:

1. New Senior Center Update

The New Senior Center had a ground breaking ceremony and larger plans are available for review at the Senior Center. Discussion followed on the earliest possible completion date as April 30, 2009. The new Senior Center will just about double the size of the existing Senior Center. They are still considering where to locate the Social Services Director and the Food Pantry. The upstairs will have a ground level entrance. The upstairs will also have a 2,000sq ft (two thousand square feet) Community Room and another room suitable for an office.

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. Speakers will include Brooks Temple from New Milford Affordable Housing, Myrna Grossman Former Chairman Brookfield Housing Authority, and Tom Dube from the Lutheran Church of the Good Sheppard. John Hodge and Tom Corbett will also give opening remarks. Following the speakers will be a question and answer period. We will provide coffee and refreshments. Bob Alberetti will pick up coffee from Dunkin Donuts and Cindy LaCour will pick up fruit and bagels. Secretary, Laurie Busse will contact Ellen Burnett from the Citizen News to see if she can send a reporter to cover this event.

3. Status on Commission Membership:

Maureen Salerno has not yet received an answer as to why the Commissioners have not been reappointed.

4. Grant Award for Resource Directory

The Commission discussed adding cleaning women to the list of service providers. Discussion also focused on starting a data base for the service providers contacted. This can be done by High School students. The high school students can also give a follow up call to providers who were mailed an application. There was further discussion on how difficult it is to get contractors' addresses. They all have phone numbers; however, it is difficult to get them to return your call. The Commission may change the name to Resource Directory. Maureen Salerno will give the folder of contractor information to Katy Johannssen. The Commission will start a subcommittee for this project in January 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Center Report: Tabled

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo, vote 7-0.