

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 28, 2009

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday April 28, 2009 at the New Fairfield Senior Sunshine Center. Cindy LaCour called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. Secretary, Laurie Busse, took the minutes.

Present: Maureen Salerno, Chair, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chair, Bob Alberetti, Kathy Hull, and Jeannette Sweeney.

Absent: Roberta Ilardo, Janet Loya and Katy Johannssen.

Guests: Lisa Lowe, Grand Administrator/Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

Jeannette Sweeney was elevated to full voting status.

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the March 24, 2009 meeting 2nd by Bob Alberetti, vote 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Lisa Lowe

Maureen Salerno changed the order of the Agenda so that Lisa Lowe can speak. Lisa Lowe introduced herself and gave some back ground information on the Small Cities Grant that is used to rehabilitate houses in ill repair for homeowners with low to moderate income levels. The grant money is given to the Town and the Town dispenses the money to the homeowners. The funds currently available from this grant are almost exhausted and Ms. Lowe would like not only for the Commission to write a letter to HUD explaining the need for more money, but also for the individual commissioners to write letters. Discussion followed on the list of contractors who are prequalified as well as covered repairs and income requirements.

2. Summit

Maureen Salerno added the Summit as Item 2 on the Agenda. The Summit will be held on May 9 from 10am to 1pm. So far Brookfield, Sherman, and Ridgefield have responded. Maureen Salerno will bring in bagels. Cindy LaCour and Kathy Hull will be away. There will also be a Mother's Day Plant Sale outside during that time period.

3. Community Forum

The Community Forum set for June 13, 2009 will be postponed until the early fall. Discussion followed on having Jack Gesino as the guest speaker. Discussion followed Mr. Gesino may not speak for free and possibly using a portion of the \$700.00 (seven hundred dollar) donation to cover this expense. Kathy Hull made a motion to use the donation money to pay Jack Gesino, 2nd by Cindy LaCour vote 5-0.

4. Senior Center Update

The deadline for the completion of the new Senior Center is June 15. As of July 1, 2009 there will not be any money in the budget to rent the current senior center space. There has been \$15,000.00 (fifteen thousand dollars) in donations towards the purchase of furniture for the new Senior Center. The Friends of the Senior Center have not yet set a date but are planning a fund raising dinner honoring Mary Ann Carson for all of her help with the new Senior Center.

5. Provider Resource Directory

The Provider Resource Directory will be 8 ½" X 14" and will have larger print. So far there have been 20 positive responses out of the 86 sent out. Kathy Hull will give her volunteer Michelle's contact info to Maureen Salerno so a thank you card can be sent out.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report—Tabled

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Due to the Memorial Day holiday the next Commission on the Aging meeting is May 19. Maureen Salerno will be away and Cindy LaCour will chair.

ADJOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm, 2nd by Jeannette Sweeney, vote 5-0.