

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 27, 2009

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday January 27, 2009 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, Chair, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chair, Bob Alberetti, Kathy Hull, Katy Johannssen, and Janet Loya.

Absent: Roberta Ilardo and Jeannette Sweeney

Katy Johannssen and Janet Loya were elevated to full voting status.

MINUTES:

Bob Alberetti made a motion to accept the Minutes to the October 28, 2008 meeting as amended, 2nd by, Cindy LaCour, vote 6-0.

CORRESPONDENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Budget Requests for 2009/2010

Maureen Salerno discussed the 2009/2010 budget as outlined, noting the Town has requested a zero percent increase from last year's budget. This year's budget came in slightly under the 2008/2009 budget.

2. Resource Directory

Kathy Hull has volunteers putting together a data base of all the contractors. She was able to obtain a list of contractors from the Assessors Office. Maureen Salerno has been playing phone tag with someone who may be very interest in helping with this project.

3. Joint Meeting with the Friends of the Senior Center and the Senior Center Advisory Committee

Discussion focused on having the members of the Friends of the Senior Center and the Senior Center Advisory Committee attend the February meeting. The Agenda will be

formatted so that there can be an open dialogue, noting topics that may be discussed include:

- Sharing goals and objectives
- Are we duplicating any efforts and if so are we on the same page
- Are we supporting each others efforts

The secretary will mail out a memo to the Chairs of these committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next Community Forum:

The next community forum will focus on activities and the richness of life for seniors in New Fairfield. The flyer may look something like the movie “Marty” with Earnest Borgnine where the two men are in the diner and one says to the other “What do you want to do?” and the other one says “I don’t know, what do you want to do?” Other phrases discussed were “What’s your rhythm of life?” Discussions may include seniors need to take some responsibility for their activities. The Commission discussed how to reach those in need, who our audience will be as well as how to make New Fairfield more user friendly to the seniors and how do they use what is here. A guest speaker may be a good idea. The date of the community forum will be Saturday April 18, 2009.

2. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull distributed the Senior Center Report and discussed as outlined, some of the highlights included a discussion with Attorney Rosemary Jones. The new Senior Center will be completed in April or May. During construction they hit rock and ledge which caused a financial setback. As a result there is not enough money left for office furniture. The Friends can do fund raising for office furniture, other options were discussed to purchase office furniture for less.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN:

Janet Loya made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, vote 6-0.