

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2009

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday May 19, 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, Jeannette Sweeney, Bob Alberetti, Katy Johannssen, Kathy Hull (until 8:05pm), Janet Loya (at 7:35pm) and Roberta Ilardo (at 7:35pm).

Absent:

Jeannette Sweeney was elevated to full voting status.

MINUTES:

Bob Alberetti made a motion to accept the Minutes to the April 28, 2009 meeting 2nd by, Cindy LaCour vote 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS

Maureen Salerno moved the Senior Center Report up to the 1st item of discussion.

1. Senior Center Report

Kathy Hull handed out the Senior Center Report for April and discussed as outlined. The Friends of the Senior Center will hold a "By Invitation Only Dinner" honoring Representative Mary Ann Carson for all of her help in securing the grant for the new Senior Center. The dinner will be held on Saturday August 15, 2009 at 6:30pm in the new Senior Center. Those who are invited will purchase their tickets, noting the price of the ticket has not yet been determined. The Woodbury COA came to interview Kathy Hull and they had quite a few managerial questions for her which included the types of software she uses and how it's financed, the number of people using the senior center per day. They also inquired which other groups use the senior center and if a survey has been completed assessing the needs of seniors over the age of 60. Discussion followed.

The new Senior Center is on schedule. The current Senior Center will be closed on Monday June 29 and Tuesday June 30 so they can move to the new location. They will reopen in the new Senior Center on July 1, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Provider Resource Directory

A draft of the provider Resource Directory was handed out and discussed. Discussion focused on moving the 3rd page "A Message to Seniors" to the 1st page. The RSVP Program and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program will be moved to the back of the booklet. Discussion focused on adding the Americares Program to the other programs available. The cover for the booklet was discussed. There is enough money to use a colored heavy stock paper for the cover, perhaps yellow. Roberta Ilardo will look for clip art for the cover and email it to Laurie Busse. Bob Alberetti will draw a collage or sketch for the cover and submit it to either Laurie Busse or to Kathy Hull at the Senior Center. The address for the Senior Center will be changed from Heritage Plaza to the new address. The Senior Center will be called the New Fairfield Senior Center and not the New Fairfield Sunshine Senior Center. Kathy Hull wanted to thank the volunteers who were able to help put the booklet together. Maureen Salerno would like to insert an acknowledgement to Kathy Hull and Cindy White for securing the grant and all of their hard work and getting the booklet off the ground as well as to Senior Center volunteers.

2. Summit

The Summit was held on May 9 from 10am to 1pm. There was a terrific turn out from all area COA's and it was nice to see familiar faces. Discussion focused on some highlights of the Summit. Ridgefield is interested in hosting the next Summit. Discussion focused on adding Woodbury COA to the Summit invitation list.

3. Community Forum

The topic will be aging in place and quality of life. Discussion focused on using some of the donated money to pay speaker Jack Gesino. The Community Forum will be held in early November.

4. Follow Up Letter to Lisa Lowe

Bob Alberetti sent a letter to Lisa Lowe supporting the Small Cities Grant for housing rehabilitation. Maureen Salerno will write a letter on behalf of the Commission supporting this program as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cindy LaCour, Jeannette Sweeney, and Bob Alberetti will not be at the June 23 meeting.

ADJOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo, vote 5-0.