

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

**MINUTES**

**Special Meeting**

**June 29, 2010**

A special meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday June 29, 2010 at the New Fairfield Senior 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 Kathy Hull, Janet Loya, Jeannette Sweeney, and Bob Alberetti

**Absent:** Katy Johannssen and Roberta Ilardo

**Elevation of Alternates:**

Jeannette Sweeney was elevated to full voting status.

**MINUTES:**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the May 25, 2010 meeting as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by, Jeannette Sweeney vote 6-0

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 2010/2011 Budget Update
- Digital Recorder Update

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. The Cost of Aging, Who Pays and How, Sponsored by the Ridgefield VNA**

This Community Forum will be held in April 2011. The Commission needs to decide who they want to showcase. Discussion focused on changing the title and starting a subcommittee for this project. The Commission must get a message out to the general senior population stating the Commission is here to study their needs and make them known. We are making the Community Forums happen for them. Further discussion focused on the best time of day to hold the forum.

**2. Community Forum with Jack Gesino**

Maureen Salerno stated she spoke to Jack Gesino and she is getting a feeling that he may not be interested in a community forum. If he cannot commit to a date, then it may be

time to move on. The Commission discussed possible dates and times for the late fall and having area Commission on the Aging's join us. Further discussion focused on advertising.

**3. Addressing the Needs of the Upcoming Baby Boomers**

St Edward's Church sees the same needs we do. People are living longer and rather than extending old age, they are extending middle age. Discussion focused on if we are switching our focus from those who can't get out to baby boomers. Today's senior population is much more diverse than years ago.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Senior Center Report**

The Statistic Report from "My Senior Center" was distributed and discussed as outlined. The attendance continues to be higher than in 2009. 75 people came in for "Life Line Screening". 457 people attended exercise classes and 655 people attended social events. Discussion focused on upcoming classes including a cell phone Q & A. The Area Agency on Aging got their grants back for Respite Care.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Cindy LaCour and Bob Alberetti cannot attend the August meeting. Jeannette Sweeney and Janet Loya will check their availability.

**ADJOURN:**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:38pm 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Alberetti vote 6-0