

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 23, 2010

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday March 23, 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, Jeannette Sweeney, Kathy Hull, Katy Johannssen and Bob Alberetti

Absent: Roberta Ilardo and Janet Loya

Elevation of Alternates:

Jeannette Sweeney and Katy Johannssen were elevated to full voting status.

MINUTES:

Bob Alberetti made a motion to accept the Minutes to the January 26, 2009 meeting as presented, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, vote 6-0

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- An invitation from the Danbury COA regarding a Regional meeting on May 8. Maureen Salerno and Jeannette Sweeney may attend. The secretary will contact Helen Miller regarding the time.
- The Planning Commission would like to be on an upcoming Agenda to discuss the Plan of Conservation and Development. The secretary will advise them they can attend the April or June meeting.
- The Joint Meeting with the Friends of the Senior Center and the Senior Center Advisory Committee will be rescheduled to the regular meeting on May 25 at 7:30pm. Maureen Salerno will forward a letter to Kathy Hull.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Question and Answer Session at the Senior Center

The Question and Answer Session held at the Senior Center was very productive. The Commission discussed issues such as transportation and housing. The Commission

further discussed transportation issues and contacting the local churches to see if FISH or other similar programs can be reinstated.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report

There are two field study students from WestConn helping out at the Senior Center. They ran the monthly man hour session quite successfully. The average daily attendance is up. The Senior Center keeps names and addresses of patrons in a data base. This information is not given out; however, if someone was to FOI this information, they may have to give it out. There is a bill in the State Legislature which would prohibit this type of information being given out. Discussion followed on contacting MaryAnn Carson on this matter.

2. The Next Community Forum

Katy Johannssen discussed the Ridgefield VNA is looking to expand into New Fairfield. They have an extremely successful program entitled "The Cost of Aging: Who Pays and How?" This program consists of several panelists such as a probate judge, elder law attorneys, banks and assisted living personnel. She would like to discuss holding this program in the fall. Discussion followed. Maureen Salerno will contact Dr. Jack Gesino to see if he would be available in June to present the Forum that was cancelled in November

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The next meeting will be on April 27, 2010. Cindy LaCour will not be present at this meeting.

ADJOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm 2nd by Jeannette Sweeney.