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

# **MINUTES**

#### **Meeting**

# June 28, 2011

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday June 28, 2011 at the New Fairfield Senior Center. Cindy LaCour called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Secretary, Laurie Busse, took the minutes.

**Present:** Cindy LaCour, Vice Chair, Janet Loya, Kathy Hull, Jeannette Sweeney, Stephanie Shaughnessy

**Absent:** Maureen Salerno, Chair, Bob Alberetti, Katy Johannssen. and Roberta Ilardo

#### **Elevation of Alternates:**

Jeannette Sweeney and Stephanie Shaughnessy were elevated to full voting status.

# **CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

# **MINUTES:**

Jeannette Sweeney made a motion to adopt the Minutes to the May 24 Minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet Loya vote 5-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### 1. Transportation:

Brookfield Commission on the Aging has FISH. Cindy LaCour will contact them to see how it is funded and if they have any insurance issues. The Commission discussed one of the reasons the Sweet Hart Bus is not widely used may be due to the waiting time to and from a destination. The Sweet Hart Bus will be cutting back on their services because they did not receive an increase in this year's budget. Kathy Hull will advocate for them to keep Monday afternoons and cut back on other days instead. The Sweet Hart Bus has been servicing New Fairfield for 20 years.

#### 2. Housing:

Cindy LaCour has tried to contact Tom Dube and his son regarding discussion at last month's meeting with regards to the Dunham Pond Condominiums, but has had no luck in reaching them. Further discussion followed on contacting John Hodge about this

project. The Commission discussed the progress the Town of Sherman is making on Senior Housing

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# 1. July Meeting:

The July meeting will be changed from July26 to July 19, 2011.

#### 2. Senior Center Report

Kathy Hull reported there is a change in the way people are using the Senior Center. Many patrons attend a class and then leave; there are not as many groups who stay throughout the day. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the changes. Some of the cons include it is difficult to recruit volunteers and have greeters to meet patrons as they walk in the door. Attendance is up, noting not everyone signs in. The program "Finance for Seniors" with Cindy White was well attended. The trip to Consolidated School was very successful. The Senior Center would like to add a double faced sign at the north entrance and change the direction of the existing sign and make it double sided as you cannot see it when you are driving down the road. In order to do this they need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals noting they are on the Agenda for the July 21 meeting.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### **ADJOURN:**

Kathy Hull made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy LaCour vote 5-0