

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

MINUTES

Special Meeting

March 29, 2011

A special meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday March 29, 2011 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, Jeannette Sweeney, Bob Alberetti, and Roberta Ilardo (at 7:40pm)

Absent: Katy Johannssen.

Elevation of Alternates:

Jeannette Sweeney was elevated to full voting status.

MINUTES:

Janet Loya made a motion to accept the Minutes to the February 22, 2011 meeting as amended, 2nd by Katy Johannssen vote 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Margaret Imbro submitted a letter to the BOS requesting to be an alternate member of the Commission.
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OLD BUSINESS

1. Evaluations Are You Living the Retirement You Imagined? With Dr. Nancy Humphreys

Approximately 55 to 75 people attended this program and the evaluations were very positive. Thank you letters have gone out.

2. The Cost of Aging, Who Pays and How:

The Cost of Aging Who Pays and How? will be Thursday April 7, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The Citizen News has stated they would put a nice sized advertisement on the 2nd or 3rd page for the weeks of March 30 and April 6. The flyer was discussed and corrections will be made. Further discussion focused on how to arrange the room and who to purchase the food from. The food will be purchased from the New Fairfield Food

Center along with soda and water. Cindy LaCour will bring in paper goods and Jeannette Sweeney will bring in iced tea. The vendors are as follows:

- Bethel Health Care
- Candlewood Valley Health and Rehab
- The Gardens Assisted Living
- Ridgefield VNA
- Village Crest

Discussion focused that the Gardens has still not submitted their \$100 sponsorship. Maureen Salerno will contact them.

3. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair:

The Commission discussed the positions of chair and vice chair. Roberta Ilardo made a motion to nominate Maureen Salerno as chair and Cindy LaCour as vice chair 2nd by Kathy Hull. Vote 7-0

4. Older Americans Month:

May is Older Americans Month. The Commission discussed what to do or not to do this year. Some ideas were to wait until next year and request nominations from the public in advance. This item will be on the April Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report

Tabled

2. Communication Network:

Maureen Salerno handed out a chart of different Town departments and boards/commissions that we should be networking with. Discussion focused on what agencies/departments we should have a regular communications network with and which ones we can have an indirect communications network. We should have a regular communication network with the Senior Center, Senior Center Advisory Council, New Fairfield Social Services, Municipal Agent for the Elderly, Elder Service Providers, Religious Affiliations, and Western CT Area on Aging. Indirect Communication Networks would include the Area Wide Summit members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN:

Bob Alberetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm 2nd by Cindy LaCour vote 7-0.