

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

MINUTES

Meeting

April 24 2012

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday April 24 2012 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, Janet Loya, Jeannette Sweeney, Bob Alberetti, Stephanie Shaughnessy, and Roberta Ilardo

Absent: Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairman, Katy Johannssen, and Kathy Hull.

MINUTES:

Roberta Ilardo made a motion to accept the Minutes to the March 27, 2012 meeting as presented, 2nd by Janet Loya, vote 6-0 unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- On May 2 at 1pm the Danbury Senior Center will hold a program on how to avoid scams.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Transportation:

Janet Loya attended a Hart Bus meeting at the Senior Center on April 4. Most of the comments were complimentary, noting there was a discussion on how seniors become anxious if the bus does not come right away and they need to learn to be patient. The Saturday service is very important and very much needed. They would like more services as well as later services. Discussion followed perhaps the Commission needs to be more active in the budget process for next year.

2. Chair Nominations:

Maureen Salerno stated every March she inquires if there is any one else who would like to be chair. This March she did not do it because of the Community Forum and asked if there was anyone else who would like to be chair. Jeannette Sweeney made a motion to nominate Maureen Salerno as chair, 2nd by Bob Alberetti. Vote 6-0 Unanimous

3. Community Forum:

Maureen Salerno reviewed the evaluation forms and the feedback was very positive. There were many people in the audience who would utilize affordable elderly housing in New Fairfield today if there was such an opportunity. The catering was very good. Maureen Salerno stated she wanted to thank everyone who participated and to the Citizen News for the wonderful article they did on the forum. Sherman would like the Commission to attend their Community Forum on Housing on June 9. The time and location needs to be determined. The Minutes were discussed and corrections were made under the Q&A portion.

The New Fairfield Housing Trust will meet this Thursday April 26 at 7pm. Discussion followed on the members. The key to a successful Housing Trust is to have key people. The members must be driven and committed to making affordable senior housing happen. Maureen Salerno will attend their 1st meeting but would like other commissioners to attend later meetings as a representative. There was a missed opportunity to construct senior housing years ago, however the time has come to move forward and construct senior housing now.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report:

Tabled

Jeannette Sweeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm 2nd by Bob Alberetti. Vote 6-0 unanimous.