

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

MINUTES

Meeting

June 26 2012

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday June 26 2012 at the New Fairfield Senior Center. Maureen Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Secretary, Laurie Busse, took the minutes.

Present: Maureen Salerno, Chair, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairman, Janet Loya, Bob Alberetti, Kathy Hull, Katy Johannssen, Jeannette Sweeney and Roberta Ilardo

Absent: Stephanie Shaughnessy

Elevation of Alternates: Jeannette Sweeney was elevated to full voting status

MINUTES:

Katy Johannssen made a motion to accept the Minutes to the May 22, 2012 meeting as presented, 2nd by Cindy LaCour Vote 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Affordable Housing Survey:

Chapter 9 of the 2003 Plan of Conservation and Development discusses 62% of the New Fairfield population is in favor of more diverse housing. The survey results were read into the meeting. Discussion followed on how to move forward with the Affordable Housing Survey. It was decided the survey will have three questions and will not have any open ended questions. A comments section will be at the end. The survey will be distributed through Church Bulletins, and the Citizen News. They can be returned via drop boxes located at the local churches, the Citizen News, and Town Hall.

2. Update New Fairfield Housing Trust:

A member of the New Fairfield Housing Trust contacted Attorney Ed Hannafin who agreed to act as their consultant and will help them move forward with obtaining their 501C3 status. The members of the New Fairfield Housing Trust are Linda Decker, Tom Dube Sr., Tom Dube Jr., Bob Jano, Roger Flocke, and Jay Voss. The next meeting will be on Thursday August 2 at 7pm in the Senior Center.

3. Sherman Housing Meeting:

The Sherman Housing Meeting was Saturday June 9 and over 60 people were in attendance. Sherman's First Selectman, Clay Cope, spoke. The Sherman COA is hoping to go to a referendum.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2012/2013 Budget:

The 2012/2013 Budget is about the same as last year. The secretary will receive a 1 ½ percent raise.

2. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull distributed the Senior Center Report for May 2012 and discussion followed. The average daily attendance increased significantly from last year. Last year there was an average daily attendance of 74 and this year the average daily attendance increased to 98.

The Regional Hospice is cutting back on their budget and as a result they will be disbanding the bereavement group known as "Healing Hearts". This is a disservice to the community because the sessions are well attended and there is usually one new member a month. The group had discussed hiring their facilitator on a private basis just so they can continue meeting together. Both Kathy Hull and Cindy White donate large sums of money to this program through the Charity Breakfasts that were held. Letters can be addressed to Cynthia Squieteri. Discussion followed Kathy Hull will write a letter on behalf of the Senior Center and the Commission will hold off on writing a letter for the time being.

The Senior Center will have a float in the July 4th parade. The 2012/2013 budget was discussed. Mary will have an increase of 5 hours a week and Judy will have an increase of 3 hours a week. The Friends of the Senior Center are going strong, but the Advisory Committee may need to regroup.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The next meeting is July 24 and Janet Loya will be away.

ADJOURN:

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