

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

REVISED MINUTES

Meeting

February 26, 2013

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday February 26, 2013 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 Chairman, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, and Janet Loya

Absent: Katy Johannssen, Stephanie Shaughnessy, Jeannette Sweeney, and Bob Alberetti

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the January 22, 2013 meeting as presented, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo, vote 5-0 unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Email from Jay Waterman, Head of Finance, stating that due to unforeseen issues they are putting a hold on the budget. All purchases even if already encumbered in a PO must be approved by him and the 1st Selectman.
- The Fairfield County Affordable Housing Network will be on Monday March 4. The New Fairfield Housing Trust has found these workshops helpful

OLD BUSINESS

1. Spring Community Forum:

Chuck Herrick will be available to speak at the spring community forum. Discussion followed on having a panel to give an emotional response to Dr. Herrick's speech which will include quality of life, children, finances, and surviving relatives. Possible panelists included Cindy LaCour's mom and Jeannette Sweeney. Please contact Maureen Salerno if you have any suggestions. The spring community forum will be a continuation of the "Aging in Place" series entitled "Aging in Place: Gains and Losses" on Saturday April 27 from 10am to 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served. The Senior Center will donate baked goods and Cindy LaCour stated she will donate paper goods. "Save the Date" advertisements will run in the Citizen News and Kathy Hull will put one into the upcoming Senior Center News Letter.

2. New Fairfield Housing Trust

The New Fairfield Housing Trust will go in front of the Board of Selectmen this Thursday February 28, 2013. They will not be able to give a lot of information, but they will state their intent and identify a property they believe is suitable for senior housing. They are in the process of setting up a bank account, getting their 1st donation, and meeting with Leslie Higgins from a funding agency.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull reported. Judy is not back to work yet. Discussion followed regarding the memo received from Jay Waterman and the difficulties that are involved in getting prior approvals when a PO is in place as well as the difficulties this causes in running programs, especially when they have their own money coming in to cover the costs of most of the programs.

December's average daily attendance was over 60 people. This number is down from last year perhaps due to the weather, when compared to last year's very mild temperatures and lack of snow.

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm 2nd by Roberta Ilardo. Vote 5-0 unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cindy LaCour will be away for the March 26 meeting.