

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

MINUTES

Meeting

March 26, 2013

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday March 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, Janet Loya, Stephanie Shaughnessy, Jeannette Sweeney and Katy Johannssen

Absent: Cindy LaCour and Bob Alberetti

MINUTES:

Janet Loya made a motion to accept the Minutes to the February 26, 2013 meeting as presented, 2nd by Katy Johannssen, vote 7-0 unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget Update

Kathy Hull reported that the budget freeze has been difficult. The Senior Center is no longer able to mail out their newsletter. They must email it instead, thus having to first create a database of emails and there were many out of date emails as well as a lot of folks who do not have email. Those who do not have email can request a copy of the newsletter when they go to the senior center.

2. Spring Community Forum:

The Community Forum will be Saturday April 27 from 10am to 12 noon. Chuck Herrick will do a power point presentation followed by a response from panelists. Discussion focused on possible panelists such as Cindy LaCour's mother, Jeannette Sweeney, Ellen Burnette, Ernie & Gail Lehman and Jerry Lightner. The program will be geared towards people who are age 50 and older. Everyone should invite at least 5 people. Light refreshments will be served. Maureen Salerno will bring coffee, the Senior Center will supply baked goods, Stephanie Shaughnessy will supply water, Janet Loya will supply a jug of iced tea, Cindy LaCour will supply paper goods and Katy Johannssen will supply cream and sugar for coffee.

Roberta Ilardo stated she heard John Patrick speak in Ridgefield. He is retired from IBM and conducts self help workshops on a variety of topics. Perhaps he would be able to do a future presentation for us. His website is Patrickweb.com.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Fairfield Housing Trust

The New Fairfield Housing Trust identified a piece of Town owned property off of Rita Drive. The location is behind Company A Fire House. They went to a Board of Selectmen's meeting which went very well and John Hodge offered to pay for half of the cost of the survey. The survey showed that the parcel is 12 acres and the area for the proposed housing is flat. The Housing Trust is moving forward. They are now in a position to request and accept money. They have created a 501C3, opened a bank account and a PO Box # 8313. \$10,000 is needed to get things up and running. The next step is to go to the BOS with the survey and go to the Zoning Commission so the Parcel can become a Zoning District.

2. Senior Center Report:

The total attendance in January was 1,345 with an average daily attendance of 77 patrons. There will be an upcoming forum for the hearing impaired. Thursday is the Mother/Daughter Tea which is sponsored by the Friends of the Senior Center.

Jeannette Sweeney reported that the Life and Loss group formerly known as Healing Hearts will need funding for the next fiscal year and some of the members are at a point where they need to move on into more social outings. Perhaps this group may be called "Next Steps". Discussion followed these issues need to be addressed by the group leader, Laurie.

The next meeting will be April 23, 2013. Katy Johannssen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm 2nd by Janet Loya. Vote 7-0 unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: