

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

MINUTES

Meeting

June 24, 2014

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday June 24, 2014 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, Janet Loya, Jeannette Sweeney, Kathy Hull, and Julia MacMillan

Absent: Roberta Ilardo, Stephanie Shaughnessy, and Katy Johannssen

MINUTES:

Julia MacMillan made a motion to accept the Minutes to the April 22, 2014 meeting as presented, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, vote 6-0 unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Spring Community Forum "The Other Talk"

The Commission discussed the evaluation sheets were all very positive in spite of Dr. Humphry's late arrival and talking off topic. The only ones who noticed she was talking off topic was the Commission. Maureen Salerno will be hosting a 4 week workshop on the "Other Talk" at the Senior Center beginning July 10.

2. Older Americans Month:

Ellen Burnett was the recipient of this year's recognition. The Commission surprised Ellen by inviting her to cover the event stating that Maureen Salerno would be this year's recipient. Ellen was thrilled and couldn't have been more surprised or more honored. First Selectman, Susan Chapman, awarded her with a proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull passed around the Senior Center report. The Average Daily Attendance was about the same as last year, noting last year the Senior Center was open one more day than May of 2014. There is a new memory screening program that is a big hit. The new budget season starts July 1. This year's budget is still frozen and although there is still money left in

the supply line, Kathy Hull is unable to increase the size of any of her PO's and she is not able to purchase supplies that she needs. Kathy Hull stated she has never over spent her budget and that this budget freeze is unfair.

2. Fall Community Forum:

The Commission discussed possibilities for the next Community Forum which will be held on Saturday morning October 25. The topic will be Affordable Elderly Housing. There was discussion on the Sherman Affordable Housing Project being shot down in the referendum. Perhaps having other towns come and talk about their experiences with Affordable Senior Housing, then the fear will not be so great. Further discussion focused on how to address the water and flooding concerns the residents of Rita Drive have. Local agencies will be asked if they would like to be a sponsor for the program. Perhaps charge \$100 per sponsor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJUOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 825: p.m., 2nd by Janet Loya, vote 6-0 unanimous.