

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

MINUTES

Meeting

April 28, 2015

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday April 28, 2015 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, Roberta Ilardo, Kathy Hull, Katy Johannssen, and Stephanie Shaughnessy

Absent: Julia MacMillan, Janet Loya, and Jeannette Sweeney

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the March 24, 2015 meeting as presented, 2nd by Kathy Hull, Vote 6-0, unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. May Older Americans Month

Maureen Salerno stated she would like to add May is Older Americans Month to the Agenda and go into an Executive Session for the purpose of making nominations for the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award. Cindy LaCour made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:39pm for the purpose of making nominations for the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award, 2nd by Katy Johannssen, Vote 6-0 Unanimous. Kathy Hull made a motion to exit the Executive Session at 7:55pm, Vote 6-0 Unanimous. Kathy Hull made a motion to nominate Al Mardis as the outstanding senior of 2015, 2nd by Maureen Salerno, Vote 6-0, Unanimous. Roberta Ilardo will contact Al Mardis and 1st Selectman, Susan Chapman. The Commission will honor the nominee on Tuesday May 12 at 1pm at the Senior Center, with an alternate date of Wednesday May 13 if Al Mardis is not available on Tuesday.

2. Next Community Forum:

The commission does not feel it is prepared to do a forum this spring, perhaps in the fall. Perhaps a Saturday in September. Kathy Hull will check the date of "New Fairfield Day"

3. On Going Senior Needs Assessment:

There was a huge turnout at the hearing regarding senior tax relief. Currently the Sweet Hart Bus does not have a fixed route going from Danbury to New Fairfield. However, the bus

will take them from New Fairfield to Danbury for doctors' appointments. Discussion followed on Beacon Hill in Boston, noting that New Fairfield may be too spread out to do this type of community service.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report:

The numbers are down due to the excessive cold and rainy weather. The upcoming group activities include a musical, kayaking through the Great Swamp in Brewster, and a river cruise down the Hudson River from Newburgh, with lunch at the Shadows on the Hudson Restaurant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the next meeting will be Tuesday May 19.

ADJUOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm 2nd by Katy Johannssen, Vote 6-0, unanimous.