

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

MINUTES

Meeting

February 24, 2015

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday February 24, 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: Janet Loya, Julia MacMillan, and Jeannette Sweeney

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the December 9, 2014 special meeting as presented, 2nd by Stephanie Shaughnessy, Vote 6-0, unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. On Going Senior Needs Assessment:

May is "Older Americans Month". This year's theme is "Get into the Act". It would be nice if the Commission could have a dialogue with the senior population on a topic other than housing. Commissioners were asked to do some brain storming and email the secretary with their ideas. The secretary will send out an email reminder as well.

2. Elderly Tax Relief:

There will be a Town Meeting this Thursday February 26 at 6:30pm for the purpose of voting on the new guidelines for elderly tax relief. Maureen Salerno would like as many people as possible there not only to show our appreciation for all the efforts of John Hodge and the BOF have put into changing the tax guidelines so that more seniors can benefit from tax relief but also to make sure this tax relief passes as there may be some opposition. Maureen Salerno will ask Janet Loya to look into how many additional people will be able to apply for this new tax relief.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull handed out the 2014 annual Senior Center Report. Attendance was down this February due to the extreme cold weather and unusually excessive snow amounts. Thanks to the new system the statistics are easier to retrieve. In 2014 the average daily attendance was 84 with an annual attendance of 20,243. They served 5,109 meals which averages out to 22 meals per day. The total volunteer hours reported were 6,216.31. These hours have an in kind value of \$54,081.90 at the minimum wage of \$8.70 per hour. The old system of recording volunteer hours is no longer being utilized, the hours appear to be less, however, it is because many hours are not being recorded. There are lots of activities going on for March. Julie Blick will be at the Senior Center for "Tax Aid Day" on March 2 to help anyone eligible sign up for the tax relief program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJUOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm due to inclement weather, 2nd by Stephanie Shaughnessy, Vote 6-0, unanimous.