

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

**MINUTES**

**Meeting**

**January 26, 2016**

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday January 26, 2016 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, Julia MacMillan, and Katy Johannssen

**Absent:** Stephanie Shaughnessy, Janet Loya, and Jeannette Sweeney

**MINUTES:**

Julia MacMillan made a motion to accept the Minutes to the January 26, 2016 meeting as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Hull, Vote 6-0, unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- On February 10, there will be a garage sale auction at the Senior Center to benefit the Frank Klemczak Travel Fund. This is a lot of fun, it is similar to a garage/rummage sale, only patrons bid on the items they are interested in.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Budget**

The secretary's salary was discussed. Keeping money in the postage line as outlined.

**2. On Going Senior Needs Assessment:**

Commissioners along with Cindy White were at the Senior Center the week of January 11 to administer the Needs Assessment Survey. This was a great opportunity for the Commission, Social Services, and the Senior Center to really get involved with addressing the needs of seniors. There was a large turnout with positive feedback. Many of the surveys indicated an interest in affordable elderly housing and their appreciation of the Senior Center. The surveys will be broken down by theme. Discussion followed on doing this type of event on a yearly basis. The Commission was grateful Cindy White was there to discuss services that are available. The cutoff date for returning the Surveys will be the February 23 meeting. Roberta will contact the Methodist Church and the New Life Church regarding the Surveys. Secretary Laurie Busse will touch base the Congregational Church. After the Surveys are returned and categorized, Maureen Salerno will give a report to the Board of Selectmen.

The New Fairfield Housing Trust inquired if the COA would be interested in showing their support for affordable elderly housing by writing a letter to the Citizen News. Discussion followed. Cindy LaCour made a motion to write a letter to the Citizen News, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberta Ilardo, vote 6-0 unanimous. Maureen Salerno will contact Janet Loya and ask her if she would be interested in writing the letter.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Commissioner's Term Dates:**

Maureen Salerno, Janet Loya, Roberta Ilardo, Julia MacMillan, & Jeannette Sweeney appointments are up on June 30, 2016. If they would like to be reappointed they should submit letters to the 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman requesting to be reappointed. The Commissioners reviewed their contact information and made changes if needed.

#### **2. Senior Center Report:**

Kathy Hull reported that she has not had an administrative assistant for 2 months as Judy has been out sick. The volunteers are helpful but are not able to fulfill the responsibilities of a permanent employee. Kathy Hull still needs a full time Program Coordinator. She indicated this during the budget hearings. The Senior Center has a website and is on Face Book. The total number of event sign-ins for last month was 4, 814. Dr. Varano will be there March 28 and April 1. Every Monday from 9am to 12noon through the month of April AARP will sponsor free tax aid. This is by appointment only.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### **ADJOURN:**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katy Johannssen. Vote 6-0, unanimous.