

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

MINUTES

Meeting

April 26, 2016

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday April 26, 2016 at the New Fairfield Senior Center. Maureen Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Maureen Salerno took the minutes.

Present: Maureen Salerno, Chair, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairman, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, Stephanie Shaughnessy, Katy Johannssen, Julia MacMillan, Jeannette Sweeney, and Janet Loya

Excused/Absent: Laurie Busse, Secretary

Guests: Linda Decker

MINUTES:

Julia MacMillan made a motion to accept the Minutes to the March 22, 2016 meeting as presented, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, Vote 9-0, unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Senior Recognition:

Maureen Salerno introduced Linda Decker, our honoree for Outstanding Senior Citizen for 2016. Linda gave the Commission a short bio of her life in New Fairfield. Linda has spent most of her life in New Fairfield and shared the early history of New Fairfield with us. Linda's family was very involved in our history since her father, William Raacke, was a past First Selectman.

The Recognition Celebration will take place at the Senior Center on May 19, 2016 at 1pm.

2. Elderly Needs Assessment:

Janet Loya compiled the results of the Elderly Needs Assessment conducted during the month of January 2016.

Maureen asked if we should send the results to the BOS since the return rate was so low (43 responses). Members were in agreement (no motion made) that we should send the results to the BOS.

We reviewed our assessing activities. Cindy White, BSW and Kathy Hull joined the COA members for a week at the Center discussing and distributing the survey. All churches participated in distributing the survey. The Citizen News (now known as the Town Tribune) also published the survey.

Members were in favor of conducting the survey every year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. St. Edward's Senior Dinner:

St. Ed's will be hosting a dinner for their senior parishioners on May 21, 2016. Last year's event was attended by 100+ people. Jeannette Sweeney contacted Peter Greco, director of the event to ask if we could distribute material at the event. Maureen Salerno is unable to attend. Cindy LaCour will represent the Commission.

2. June Community Forum:

Roberta Ilardo reported on her contact with our speaker's public relations agent to get speaker's bio, picture etc.

Joyce Saltman will present "Are You in Your Right Mind?" on Saturday June 4, 2016 from 10am to 12 noon at the Senior Center.

We are still in need of sponsors for this program. Ridgefield VNA has agreed to sponsor the event. Stephanie Shaughnessy has contacted Union Savings Bank.

Kathy Hull offered to compose a flyer for the even so that we could show potential sponsors.

3. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull distributed and discussed the Senior Center as outlined.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm 2nd by Janet Loya. Vote 9-0, unanimous.