

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

**MINUTES**

**Meeting**

**May 24, 2016**

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday May 24, 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, Stephanie Shaughnessy, Janet Loya, and Julia MacMillan

**Absent:** Katy Johannssen and Jeannette Sweeney

**MINUTES:**

Kathy Hull made a motion to accept the Minutes to the April 26, 2016 meeting as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julia MacMillan, Vote 7-0, unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Maureen Salerno attended a meeting with area Commission on Aging Chairs.
- Janet Loya, Maureen Salerno, Julia MacMillan, Roberta Ilardo, and Jeannette Sweeney terms expire at the end of June. If you would like to be reappointed, please contact the Selectman's Office requesting to be reappointed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Senior Recognition**

Linda Decker was this year's nominee of Outstanding Senior. The recognition was held at the Senior Center on May 19. The recognition was attended by members of Linda Decker's family, friends, and previous honorees. Selectman, Mike Gill read the proclamation. Linda Decker thanked everyone and stated she loves the work that she does. She talked about "Rocking Chair Reminiscing". This was an activity where a group of people would get together and tell stories of New Fairfield back in the day.

**2. St. Edward's Senior Dinner:**

This year St. Edwards' Senior Dinner will be held on Saturday May 21. Stephanie Shaughnessy and Cindy LaCour attended the dinner promoting the upcoming Community Forum "Are You in Your Right Mind" with Joyce Saltman. They talked about the roles the Commission on Aging, the Senior Center, and Social Worker, Cindy White, have with the Town. They urged everyone to reach out to these agencies with any needs they may have.

**3. Community Forum**

The Community Forum will be Saturday June 4 from 10am to 12 noon. In lieu of a speaking fee, the COA will make a donation to the charity of Joyce Saltman's choice. Roberta Ilardo will ask the Town Tribune if they will do an article on Joyce Saltman. Kathy Hull will ask to have the program videotaped. Refreshments of munchkins and coffee will be served.

**4. Meeting with Area COA Chairs:**

Brookfield sponsored an area COA summit. Maureen Salerno attended this meeting along with Sherman, Ridgefield, and Danbury, noting Newtown was not able to attend. They discussed the roles they play in their communities and how they can learn from each other. Ridgefield has transportation out of the Town Hall and has two places for senior living, Ridgefield Crossing and Meadow Ridge. In Wilton, the area churches donated \$65,000 to senior housing. Discussion followed on doing a senior housing tour of area towns. New Fairfield COA will host the next meeting on October 15.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Senior Center Report:**

Kathy Hull reported. Attendance is up from last year. Almost 100 more meals were served this April than last April. They held a program on getting organized, which was a big hit. They will follow up with "How to Organize Your Garage". New Life Church will offer a public speaking course and bible study is now being offered as well. The area clergy will use the Senior Center for their monthly meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURN:**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet Loya. Vote 7-0, unanimous.