

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

MINUTES

Meeting

February 28, 2017

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday February 28, 2017 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, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, Julia MacMillan, and Katy Johannssen

Absent: Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairman, Janet Loya, and Jeannette Sweeney

MINUTES:

Julia MacMillan made a motion to accept the Minutes to the January 24, 2017 Meeting as presented, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo. Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Senior Needs Assessment:

- o Transportation Initiative—Area Agency on Aging

The Area Agency on Aging researched transportation data for local area towns. New Fairfield does not use the SweetHart bus as much as other area towns such as Brookfield or Danbury. While the SweetHart bus will take New Fairfield residents to Danbury, Danbury will not bring New Fairfield residents into town. The Area Agency on Aging looked into a fixed route service for New Fairfield, but found it was not feasible. Discussion followed as to the reasons why FISH was dissolved. Perhaps having a promotion “Ride the SweetHart Bus with the Commission on Aging”. The Commission will discuss this further next month.

2. Community Forum:

The next Community Forum entitled “The Emotional Cost of Caregiving” will be held on Saturday April 8, 2017 from 10am to 12 noon at the Senior Center. We will need a microphone. Kathy Hull will contact Aaron to see if he can video the event Dr. Jorge Aguilar-Zanatta, Director of Consultation Psychiatry at Danbury Hospital will be the key note speaker. So far, the panelists to respond will be RVNA. Discussion focused on contacting Carolyn DiRocco from the Alzheimer’s Association. To date the sponsors that have responded are RVNA, Health Complex, and BrightStar. We have not heard back from Maplewood or CORAM. Katy Johannssen is meeting with Maplewood and will bring a copy of the sponsorship letter with her. The secretary will contact the Town Tribune to put the Save the Date ad into the paper. The local churches will be contacted asking them to put an announcement in their bulletins.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Outstanding Senior of the Year:

The Commission likes to honor outstanding New Fairfield senior citizens with a luncheon. At 8:17 pm Maureen Salerno made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of nominating this year's outstanding senior citizen, 2nd by Julia MacMillan, all in favor. At 8:27pm Maureen Salerno made a motion to come out of Executive Session, 2nd by Julia MacMillan, all in favor.

2. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull reported. The Internet Café had its Grand Opening on Monday February 27. The members of the COA viewed the Internet Café and all agreed that it was lovely.

In an effort to increase revenue the Senior Center will start having overnight trips.

Due to Governor Malloy's budget cuts, all departments must submit budgets with an additional 3% and 5% cuts from what they originally submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN:

Katy Johannssen made a motion to adjourn at 8:45, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo Unanimous