

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

MINUTES

Meeting

March 28, 2017

A meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday March 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, Cindy LaCour, Vice Chairman, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, Julia MacMillan, and Katy Johannssen

Absent: Janet Loya, and Jeannette Sweeney

Guests: Ernie Lehman and Olga Annocchor from the Planning Commission

Maureen Salerno stated she was unaware that we would have guests tonight. Members of the Planning Commission were present to get our feedback regarding the new Plan of Conservation and Development.

The Planning Commissioners stated they sent out letters to all Town Departments and Commissions requesting feedback on the Plan of Conservation and Development. They also found that it was better to meet with Boards and Commissions in person as it opens the door to discussions and communications. The Commission on Aging members stated they never received a draft or a final version of the Plan of Conservation and Development and would love to give feedback if they could preview it. The Planning Commission representatives stated it was on line and they did not have any hard copies to give out as they were already given out to all departments & commissions and apologized that the COA was overlooked. The 2003 copy of the Plan of Conservation and Development was available and discussion followed that called for action on affordable elderly housing and that it was unfortunate that a few months ago, the Planning Commission did not vote in favor of moving forward with affordable elderly housing on Rita Drive. Maureen Salerno stated that she updates the Selectmen's office yearly on the needs of seniors and will be happy to keep the Planning Commission informed as well.

The Planning Commissioners urged people to attend their meetings and said goodnight.

MINUTES:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the Minutes to the February 28, 2017 Meeting as presented, 2nd by Kathy Hull. Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The sponsor checks from Maplewood were received. Please email Eileen Duggan the flyer for “The Emotional Cost of Caregiving”.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Forum:

The panelists for “The Emotional Cost of Caregiving” will be representatives from Connecticut Community Care Inc., Alzheimer’s Association of Connecticut, and RVNA. Further discussion followed on refreshments. The evaluation form will be changed to add “Did you learn something new?”

2. Senior Needs Assessment:

Maureen Salerno will contact the Planning Commission regarding senior needs assessments.

3. Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year Award:

May is Older Americans month and the Commission usually honors senior citizens who have been outstanding in the community with a luncheon. This year the luncheon will be held on May 4, 2017 at 12:45pm. Maureen Salerno made a motion at 8:15pm to enter Executive Session to confirm who will receive the “Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year” Award, 2nd by Cindy LaCour. Unanimous

Cindy LaCour made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:24pm, 2nd by Kathy Hull, Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Report:

Kathy Hull reported. There were 104 patrons at the Senior Center today. Accountants from AARP were here to help anyone with their tax returns. This is a free service. There were a few space and software issues, but all in all the event was well attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN:

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn at 8:30, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo Unanimous