

Commission on the Aging, 4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, Ct. 06812

MINUTES

April 24, 2018

A meeting of the Commission on the aging was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the New Fairfield Senior Center. Maureen Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Maureen Salerno, Chair, Kathy Hull, Anita Brown, Roberta Ilardo, Katy Johannsen, Janet Loya.

Absent: Cindy La Cour, Julia MacMillan

Minutes: Anita Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Janet Loya. Unanimous.

Correspondence/Announcements: Maureen announced that our secretary, Jeanette Larca, resigned as a result of changes in her full-time employment. We are sad to lose this very qualified secretary. Maureen will ask Human Resources if one of the other commission secretaries could fill in until we have a replacement.

Old Business:

Feedback from April 10th visit to the Senior Center. Janet, Anita and Roberta were in attendance. Two seniors presented the following issues: Understanding of Medicare D Drug Plan; Dunham Pond resident suggested a cross walk on Route 37 so that she could walk from home to the Center; new resident reporting how difficult it is to make new friends.

All of the issues were addressed by Kathy Hull, Director of the senior Center. Dates were set for June and July visits: June 4th at 10am and July 18th at 10am. Janet will tally the results of the needs assessment survey in preparation for our report to the Board of Selectmen.

HART Bus Rides for the Commissioners: No date scheduled yet. However, Kathy did mention there would be an opportunity to ride the bus on June 21st when it travels to Great Hollow only.

Outstanding Senior of the Year: Maureen notified Robert (Bob) Jano of his selection as this year's honoree. He was shocked, stunned and thrilled. Celebration will take place at the Senior Center on May 7th at 1pm. Maureen thanked Roberta for taking responsibility for this task while she was away. Roberta interviewed Bob, penned the script for the Proclamation and was in contact with the Town Tribune. The announcement made the front page of The Town Tribune.

New Business:

Next Community Forum, tentative date September 29th. We might have to postpone this Forum given the loss of our secretary. Dr. Dan Joynt will join us at our May meeting to discuss a possible topic for a Community Forum. Kathy is saving the date for us until we decide.

Senior Center Report: Kathy distributed the monthly report and May calendar with many great activities planned. Kathy discussed the budget process this year and was pleased to report that the BOS has recommended making her program coordinator full time. Kathy was able to demonstrate the growth of the senior center and the many services/programs available to our seniors. Since 2008 the daily attendance has almost doubled. In 2009 the average daily attendance was 69 and in 2017 it was 86. Bravo to Kathy and her staff.

Kathy also reported that the BOS has recommended ten hours of clerical help for Cindy White, Social Services Director.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Kathy made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, seconded by Katy. Unanimous.

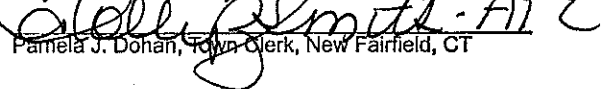
Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Salerno

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