

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

Minutes

**Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018
NF Senior Center, 33 Route 37
7:30pm**

Call to Order

Maureen Salerno, Chairman, called the meeting of the Commission on the Aging to order at 7:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members in Attendance

Maureen Salerno, Katy Johannssen, Julia MacMillan, Anita Brown and Roberta Ilardo. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Motion to accept Minutes

Accepting the August 2018 minutes was tabled to next month's meeting.

Correspondence/Announcements

The Commission received a thank you note from fellow Commission member Cindy LaCour for the card and gift she received from them.

Old Business

Community Forum-Resources for Caregivers

The Commission discussed the presenters that would be present at the forum. Presenters included the featured speaker Lori B. Wagner, Psy. D., Clinical Psychologist from Danbury Hospital as well as presenters from Western Ct. Home Care, Almost Home Day Care, The Gardens Assisted Living, Hancock Hall and Darylle Willenbrock, CHOICES Program Director at Western Ct. Area Agency on Aging. Maureen said she asked presenters to give concrete practical information. Refreshments for the day also discussed.

New Fairfield Family Day

This was the 3rd annual NF Family Day though the name of the event was changed. Maureen manned a Commission on the Aging table at the event. Though she did not get that many visitors at the table she felt it was important to be there. Maureen said she gave a gentleman Janet Loya's contact information to discuss tax relief.

Commission on the Aging Meet and Greets

Maureen told the Commission that Kathy Hull said they need to set Meet & Greet dates for November and December. The Commission discussed only planning one for November -Weds Nov. 14th at 10am- for now and choosing a different day of the week starting in January. Anita and Roberta will be doing the Meet and Greets. Upcoming Meet and Greet dates:

Oct.17th 10am

Nov. 14th 10am

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Anita talked with a woman who was having issues with Medicare Drug Plan D Supplement. Discussed late enrollment penalties that have to be paid if someone is enrolling after their initial enrollment period. Referrals to Cindy White and the Danbury Social Service office discussed.

New Business

Senior Needs Assessment

Commission members discussed working in small groups to formulate questions to create a new Senior Needs Assessment. Anita said she would get a copy of the Partnership for Strong Communities assessment so that can use it to help them create the new Senior Needs Assessment. The Commission plans to dedicate most of next month's meeting working on creating the new needs assessment survey.

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing-Anita Brown, chair. Maureen said she spoke with the Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman regarding housing options for the elderly. Pat Del Monaco suggested that the NF Housing Trust meet with the Board of Selectman. The NF Housing Trust will meet in October to discuss going to the BOS with the Commission on Aging. If they met with the BOS, Maureen would represent the NF Housing Trust and Anita would represent the COA at this meeting.

Taxes-Janet Loya, chair- absent. Maureen will be in touch with Janet regarding tax relief and the gentleman she met at NF Family Day that she referred to her.

Transportation- chair -vacant. Maureen asked Commission members in attendance to consider chairing this sub-committee. This sub-committee would look into the transportation needs of the elderly as well as what is currently available to them

Senior Center Report

Deferred to next month, Kathy Hull is on vacation.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Julia MacMillan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Anita Brown, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.