

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

**Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday January 22, 2019  
7:30pm**

**Call to Order**

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

**Members in Attendance**

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

Absent: Cindy LaCour & Janet Loya

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion to accept Minutes**

Julia McMillian made a motion to approve the October 23, 2018 meeting minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Brown, all in favor. **Approved**

**Correspondence/Announcements**

None

**Old Business**

**New Senior Needs Assessment**

The Commission discussed the first draft of the Senior Needs Assessment that Maureen drafted.

- Transportation: Julia felt everyone would answer yes to having a need and thought the question needs further information. It was discussed adding to the first question “Other than yourself, family or friends would you need transportation...”
- Income: The Commission questioned whether they should ask income ranges in monthly income or yearly income. Maureen said she would follow up with Cindy White regarding this.
- Housing: The Commission discussed dividing the first question into 2 questions
- Taxes: It was discussed clarifying the heading of this section by naming it Property Taxes.

The Commission discussed adding a blurb to the opening paragraph of the assessment to say a little bit about what the Commission on the Aging is about. Also discussed adding “additional comments” under each section and that the assessment would go out to seniors 62 years and older.

Maureen said that she would like to have a final draft of the Senior Needs Assessment by the February meeting. A second draft will be made up with changes discussed and emailed to the Commission for review.

### **New Business**

#### **Feedback- November 20, 2018 Board of Selectman meeting**

Anita said they have not yet received any official feedback.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Housing-Anita Brown- No new information to report.

Taxes-Janet Loya- Tabled until next month’s meeting.

Transportation- chair vacant, Kathy Hull said there is an upcoming meeting with the Sweethart Bus Co. in the beginning of Feb.

### **Senior Center Report**

Kathy Hull provided a copy of the Annual Report to Commission members that listed all the activities that occurred in 2018.

Anita and Roberta said that they continue to do monthly visits to the Senior Center on behalf of the COA.

### **Public Comment**

Bob Stryker provided information regarding tax freeze programs available to seniors in other towns in Connecticut (Guilford, Durham and Madison). The programs are available to seniors 65 and older in these towns. Bob and Commission members discussed these programs and their thoughts regarding this being something that would be approved as a program to be offered in New Fairfield.

### **Adjournment**

Roberta Ilardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Brown, all in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 8:45pm.