

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

**Meeting Minutes-Revised
3-26-19**

Pledge of Allegiance

Members in Attendance

Maureen Salerno, Anita Brown, Roberta Ilardo, Kathy Hull, Janet Loya and Julia MacMillan. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Motion to accept Minutes

Julia MacMillan made a motion to approve the 2-26-19 meeting minutes with revisions discussed, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence/Announcements

None

Old Business

New Senior Needs Assessment-Latest draft reviewed. Discussed including the year at the top of the assessment. Discussed date assessment should be returned by. The Commission wants to mail out the assessment to New Fairfield Seniors 62 years and older. Each assessment would cost approximately fifty cents to mail and there are about 2,000 seniors in this age group. Discussed having senior center volunteers assemble the assessment for mailing. Roberta said she would go to Town Hall to get a list of the seniors 62 and older.

May- Older Americans Month Activity-The Commission members discussed potential candidates and that they need to vote on a candidate during the April meeting. May 21st was chosen as the day to honor the Outstanding Senior of the Year.

New Business

None

Sub-Committee Reports

Taxes-Janet Loya shared the file of information she has been collecting on tax relief programs in neighboring towns. Programs where taxes can be frozen was discussed. Ridgefield's tax program has a tax freeze program for the elderly over 75 years of age. Janet will contact the COA in Ridgefield to find out more about their tax relief program. The Commission was curious about how many seniors in New Fairfield take advantage of the tax relief program.

Housing-Anita Brown went to the Housing Committee meeting in Sherman. They plan to do a survey after they know what their senior housing possibilities could be. The Commission discussed costs of elderly housing and size of apartments in other towns. Per Anita, the New Fairfield Affordable Housing Commission needs to have people both for and against it.

Transportation- chair vacant- no discussion

Senior Center Report

Kathy Hull said they are offering a new program, Better Balance; it is a 6 week program for \$30. They will also have the Bethel VNA doing a fall prevention workshop.

April 18th @ 3:30pm the Senior Center will host a Mother Daughter Tea.

West Conn social worker student Brooke Baldelli is doing living histories for the Senior Center. Kathy said she met with the school superintendent and discussed bringing these living histories to the schools.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Anita Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Julia MacMillan, all in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 8:35pm.