

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

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 23, 2019
NF Senior Center, 33 Route 37
7:30pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Members in Attendance

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

Motion to approve Minutes

Kathy Hull made a motion to approve the 6-25-19 meeting minutes as amended, 2nd by Julia MacMillon, all in favor, approved.

Correspondence/Announcements

None

Old Business

Review movie “Coming of Age in Aging America”

Commission members who viewed the movie found it very interesting. The Commission agreed that it wouldn't be good to show as part of the community forum along with the Senior Needs Assessment results. It was discussed that it would be better to offer a showing of the movie along with a discussion at the senior center at another time/date. Anita will see how the Sherman Library presented the movie and how their turn out was.

Senior Needs Assessment-schedule of collecting results-August-September

Approximately 2,900 assessments were sent out. We have received about 360 back so far. Maureen said that she has been in touch with Diane who had collated the information from that last senior needs assessment. Diane said she would collate the results from this assessment or teacher Lisa how to do it. The Commission discussed the need to set up a schedule to get together to organize, review and tally the results. The following dates were chosen for anyone who can make it: Aug. 8, Aug 16 @ 10am, Aug 20 @ 2pm and Aug 23 @ 10am.

Taxes- share/review information provided by Bob Stryker

Commission members received a copy of the information provided by Bob Stryker. The cost to New Fairfield taxpayers would be \$94 per household to provide the tax relief program they have in Guilford here in New Fairfield.

New Business

Next Community Forum-October

The Commission talked about dates to hold a community forum to share the Senior Needs Assessment results. Oct 5th and Nov 2nd were discussed as possible dates. Having the forum on a Sunday was also discussed since the Senior Center calendar is pretty booked on Saturdays during the month of October.

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing-Anita Brown- Anita said she has spoken with Selectman Khris Hall regarding senior housing. Khris Hall would like to see the Senior Needs Assessment results. Zoning of properties of interest is also something that needs to be considered when looking for sites for affordable senior housing. Per Maureen, John Hodge -who is running for First Selectman-has affordable senior housing as part of his platform.

Taxes-Janet Loya Previously discussed

Transportation- chair vacant- No discussion

Senior Center Report-June 2019

Kathy Hull discussed activities and trips that the Senior Center offered during the month of June. They have had some interest in the ice cream tours on the HART Bus. They did not have a good turn out to go on the school tours to see the condition of the schools and work that needs to be done. The Bear Mountain Bridge History presentation had a very good turnout. The also presented an interactive activity thru the Senior Learning Network. This presentation was from an Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. It was a live event conducted by the directory of the sanctuary. Total attendance for the month of June: 1,946. Average daily attendance for the month of June: 97. Number of meals served: 292

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Janet Loya made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Julia MacMillon, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:40pm