

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

**Meeting Minutes
New Fairfield Senior Center
Tuesday June 28, 2022
7:30pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Members in Attendance

Anita Brown, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, Cindy LaCour, Janet Loya, Cathy McCarthy, Maureen Salerno and alternate Dan Joynt. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Motion to approve Minutes

Approve the April 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes-Anita Brown made a motion to approve the 4-26-22 meeting minutes, 2nd by Cindy LaCour, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence/Announcements

None

Old Business

Community Forum-October- What has the pandemic taught us?

Care for yourself

Forum date - Oct 22nd @ 10am. Discussed mental health support; caring for yourself. The Commission discussed having a panel of speakers at the forum. Speakers discussed were Dr. Zanatta, Psychiatrist, Liz Yoho, Pastor at Congregational Church & Khri Hall, Selectman, Town of New Fairfield. Also discussed highlighting what the Senior Center has to offer. Discussed breakout sessions, breaking up into smaller groups for discussions. Kathy Hull said she would reach out the Khri Hall and Liz Yoho.

New Business

Summit Meeting of area Commissions on Aging- Danbury COA is interested in having a Summit Meeting of area COA's. The NF Commission discussed planning a Summit Meeting and inviting Brookfield, Ridgefield, Danbury, Sherman and Newtown COA's.

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing- Anita Brown- They will be having their 3rd meeting of the Ad Hoc Housing Committee on 7/5, it will be a zoom meeting. She said they have a diverse group of members. Dave Goldenberg from Ridgefield Housing Committee came and spoke with them at their last meeting. The Ad Hoc Housing Committee will be advising the BOS, Planning and Zoning Commissions.

Senior Center Listening Session-Janet Loya shared articles on housing at the last listening session which got the attention of some of the seniors and started a discussion with them. July's session will be on Thursday 7/7 @ 10am.

Taxes- Janet Loya said that 255 seniors qualified for the Town's Elderly Tax Relief.

Transportation- Kathy Hull said FISH can still use more drivers, especially over the summer. Since March they have driven 350 miles. FISH plans on having a fundraiser per Kathy Hull. HART Bus-Seniors can ride for free to medical appts thru Dec 2022.

Senior Center Report-Kathy Hull shared the May Senior Center Report. The average daily attendance was 72 and they had 10 new members. The July calendar was shared and Kathy said the Senior Center would have a float in the Town's 4th of July Parade themed Everything is Popsicles with this Cool Bunch!

Public Comment

None

*Maureen Salerno welcomed Dan Joynt (a Licensed Professional Counselor) to the Commission as an alternate.

Adjourn

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Kathy Hull, all in favor. **Adjourned @ 8:30pm**