

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

**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday January 24, 2023  
7:30pm**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Members in Attendance**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special Guest**

Reggie Lambrech, FISH- They currently have 15 drivers but are looking for more. FISH insurance covers drivers over their own insurance. Drivers go thru a background check. They have been in service for 9½ months and have driven over 2,000 miles so far. They can take riders with canes and walkers with aides to assist if necessary and can take a rider with a wheelchair only if they have someone to help with the wheelchair. They currently have been getting at least 1 rider request per day. To request a ride, the individual leaves a message on an answering machine which then gets sent to an email. They leave their name, number, date and time they need the ride and approx. how long they think the appt will take. This gets added to an interactive calendar on google sheets, where drivers can pick up the ride. FISH is keeping track of the mileage to help qualify for a grant.

**Motion to approve Minutes**

Approve the October 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes- Cindy LaCour made a motion to approve the 10-25-22 meeting minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julia MacMillan, all in favor. **Approved**

**Correspondence/Announcements**

Invitation to the White Elephant Auction at the Senior Center on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

**Old Business**

Summit Meeting 11-19-22

Cindy Lacour said she felt that it was worthwhile and the other Commissions would like to do it again. Newtown will host the next one in the Spring- May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm.

**New Business**

Outreach to churches- Maureen Salerno discussed reaching out to the churches in New Fairfield to see how they stay in touch with their senior members. The Commission discussed inviting reps from the churches to meet with the COA, discussed meeting on a Saturday morning in March or April, date TBD.

Topics for the next Community Forum- Commission member will think of topics and revisit this at the next meeting.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Housing-Anita Brown- The Housing Commission is requesting 7k to hire a consultant who would assist with surveys, forums and attend housing meetings. There will be a Town meeting Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at the Senior Center where there will be a vote to approve this request.

Senior Center Listening Session- Roberta Ilardo walked around and interacted and talked with seniors.

Taxes- 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of real estate taxes are due Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

Transportation- Besides FISH, the HART bus is also available.

### **Senior Center Report**

Kathy Hull- Annual Report- Total attendance for the year-14,962, daily average 68.

Starting Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, they will start serving food at the Senior Center again but grab and go meals will still be available. Feb 9<sup>th</sup> will be the While Elephant Auction which is a fundraiser for their travel program.

They have a trip to Spain planned for March and have 18 people signed up to go.

### **Public Comment**

None

**Adjourn** Janet Loya made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy LaCour, all in favor.  
Adjourned at 8:35pm

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by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield