

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

**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday April 25, 2023  
New Fairfield Senior Center  
7:30pm**

**Members in Attendance**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion to approve Minutes**

Corrections to minutes as read: typo-change Newton to Newtown under Old Business, change title of Housing Mission to Housing Opportunity Committee. Cindy LaCour made a motion to approve the minutes 3-28-2023 as corrected, Kathy Hull 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. **Approved**

**Correspondence/Announcements**

None

**Old Business**

**Summit meeting May 20, 2023 from 10 a.m.-12.00 p.m.** Several members plan to attend. The Newtown COA chair email is A.R.Rothstein@aol.com

**Next community Forum:** Will be held in the Fall. Housing will be the topic. Maureen suggested having a representative from New Milford speak about their experience with housing as an educational process for the town community. Other ideas would be to include another town such as Kent. More discussions to follow.

**New Business**

**Nominations for Outstanding Senior of the Year-**committee went in to Executive Session to take nominations for Outstanding Senior of the Year. Roberta Ilardo made the nomination, Kathy Hull 2<sup>nd</sup>. Announcement will be in the Tribune once nominee notified. The date for celebration will be **May 23 at 1:00 p.m.** unless otherwise noted.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Housing-**Anita Brown noted that there are now 252 completed surveys returned; of those 252, only 19 were of <34 years of age. She made a presentation to the Planning Commission on 4/24/23. She stated that there is still partisan views. She suggested spreading the word about the survey, especially to younger ages, as an "opportunity to express how you feel about housing" and "that this is the first step."

May 8 there will be a Housing Information forum at the Senior Center (in person) at 12 noon, and on May 9 it will be held virtually at 7:30 p.m. The results of the survey and housing data will be shared, with open discussion following. There will be ads in the tribune and flyers distributed throughout the town to notify the town.

**Senior Center Listening Session**-Roberta attended last month; listened to personal issues of members and is developing a trusting relationship

**Taxes**-Janet said taxes are a hot topic with the budget as the tax increase is so high. More to come

**Transportation**-no discussion

**Senior Report**-Kathy stated her budget is very low, she is still very concerned about cuts; nothing is resolved yet. In March, total attendance was 1774, with an average daily attendance of 81. Closed one day due to snow. New members 19. Due to budget constraints, the congregant meals do not have enough meals so they are decreasing to 2 days/week. She also noted that there are APRN nursing students who come and practice their examinations on "standardized patients" of senior volunteers. She shared the calendar.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjourn**

Janet Loya made a motion to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberta Ilardo, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Received by email on 05/01/2023 @ 8:30 a.m.  
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield