

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

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

Members in Attendance

Anita Brown, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, Cindy LaCour, Janet Loya (remote), Cathy McCarthy and Julia MacMillan. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests

Peggy Katkocin & representatives from Renewal House- Peggy Katkocin & Georgia Carrington are both on the board of Renewal House. They discussed what Renewal House is about. It is a house in Danbury that can house up to 6 residents at a time, older people in need of short-term assistance age 58 and older. It is transitional housing; the median age of their residents is 63-65 years old. Turnaround time is approx. 3-6 month to help get them into subsidized housing, find employment etc. Potential residents go through an interview and psych evaluation before admission to Renewal House. They do 1 fundraiser a year, and are thinking about doing a second fundraiser. They have done a breakfast fundraiser and a brewery fundraiser in the past. They are thinking of trying to do both. They have a van, and full-time social worker (5 days a week). Residents must cook and clean. Renewal House gets referral from social workers and hospital workers. Donations needed discussed which include tissues, napkins, paper towels, canned goods, dry goods, bedding (twin). Financial donations are always appreciated.

Motion to approve Minutes

Approve the June 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes- Kathy Hull made a motion to approve the 6/27/23 minutes as written, 2n by Anita Brown, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence/Announcements

None

Old Business

Community Forum- Oct. Aging in Place- A Reality Check- **deferred to next month's meeting**

New Business

None

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing- Anita Brown said they presented to Planning (yesterday) and Board of Selectman (Thursday) and will be presenting to Zoning next Weds.

Senior Center Listening Session-Roberta Ilardo said she used the talking point of the recent passing of a resident who died while on an inversion table, and about being careful doing certain things when home alone. The Commission discussed that having a talking point is a good idea.

Taxes- Janet Loya- 3rd vote- budget passed. This year residents have till the August to pay their taxes. Janet said she is looking to see how many senior took advantage of the tax break.

Transportation- No discussion

Senior Center Report

Kathy Hull- Total June attendance-1712, average daily attendance 82, new members in June 9.

Kathy said she is trying to grant for a new sound system. The Senior Center needs volunteers for the receptions desk 9:00am-12:30pm & 12:30pm-4:00pm.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Cathy McCarthy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

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