

COMMISSION ON THE AGING

4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, 06812

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:30pm

New Fairfield Senior Center

Members in Attendance: Cathy McCarthy, Roberta Ilardo, Janet Loya, Julia MacMillan, Maureen Salerno. Maureen Salerno took the meeting minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes: Approve the October 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Cathy McCarthy made a motion to approve the Minutes as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberta Ilardo. All in favor. Approved.

Correspondence /Announcements: None

Old Business: A brief discussion outlining an initial format for the Community Forum on March 9, 2024 took place. Maureen suggesting that Cindy LaCour set the stage for us followed by a panel who will educate us on what types of housing are available. Suggested panel members are zoning, planning, real estate agent, attorney. We are still trying to come up with a title that will catch everyone's attention.

New Business: Janet Loya reported on her contact with our Assessor, Julie Blick re the decreased number of seniors who applied for the town benefit.

Julie reports that she does not have exact numbers, but that the drop off is because of property transfers and death. Income change was the biggest factor. Once people reach a certain age they have to roll over IRAs and that money counts as income when it had not in previous years. 13 applicants were over income, 7 no response this year, 3 deceased, 9 properties sold. Decreased number of applicants is about 41.

It might be time for the COA to once again review the income limits for this program.

Sub-Committee Reports deferred until next month with the exception of the Senior Center Listening Session.

Roberta reported that she held a listening session at the Center on November 9, 2023. She relates that the seniors know her well now and that she seeks them out for discussion. The theme this month was the high cost of living.

Senior Center Report: Deferred until next month. Kathy Hull had a meeting conflict this evening.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Cathy McCarthy made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet Loya. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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