

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

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 27,2024
Zoom Meeting
7:30pm**

Members in Attendance

Anita Brown, Kathy Hull, Janet Loya, and Julia MacMillan . Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes

Approve the December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes- deferred to next month's meeting.

Correspondence/Announcements

None

Old Business

Community Forum-The Community Forum will be held on April 13th from 10am-12pm. The Commission discussed the best name for the forum to grab senior's attention as well as the layout/flow of the forum and who they should try to get as speakers. The Commission members in attendance liked "What Does the Next Chapter Hold for You? Resources & Support" for the title of the forum. After a discussion of how the forum should be laid out, the members in attendance discussed the following format:

- *Opening- Cindy LaCour (15 mins)
- *Anita Brown- HOC update (5-10 mins)
- *Luks Realty (20mins)
- *Breakout groups- people get refreshments, return to their tables and have a discussion. Have prepared questions they can use for their discussion (15 mins)
- *Tiger Inspection- (what you need to think about when your house is going to be inspected)
- *Either another round of breakout groups for further questions and/or the panel responds to queries from the group
- *Closing-Cindy LaCour

Brief discussion on breakout groups giving people a better opportunity to ask questions and hear other people's ideas than just listening to speakers the entire time.

Advertising for the forum- newspaper, church bulletins, flyers.

New Business

Membership review- Anita said the Town wants all Commissions balanced based on their political party affiliation (registered Democrat, Republic, Independent) and the COA is not. Deferred to next month.

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing-Anita Brown- Proposing the Draft Housing Affordable Plan to the BOS at their 3/14 meeting. They have already been before the Planning and Zoning boards. It has also been on the Town's website for public review since October. They had an in-person forum in November and a virtual forum as well.

Also, at a Special Zoning Meeting there was a builder from Sherman who was inquiring about elderly housing at the October House property. They were amenable to it per Anita, they wanted to see drawings.

Senior Center Listening Session-Roberta was not present; per Kathy Hull, Roberta invited the Registrar of Voters to come to next month's listening session on 3/21

Taxes- Janet Loya said she is going to be looking into how the limiting incomes are arrived at and by whom and how often are they updated/changed. She will talk to the assessor again.

Transportation- No discussion

Senior Center Report

Kathy Hull- Tax aid program has begun- AARP Tax Aid- different format- facilitated self assistants (FSA). The individual sits at the computer and puts the information in the computer themselves but has the tax aid assistant sitting by their side to help them.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Julia MacMillan made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Janet Loya, all in favor. Adjourned @ 9:10pm

Received by email on 03/04/2024 @ 8:30 a.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield