

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

**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday December 3, 2019  
NF Senior Center, 33 Route 37  
7:30pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members in Attendance**

Anita Brown, Kathy Hull, Cindy LaCour, Julie MacMillan, and Maureen Salerno. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve Minutes**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to accept the October 22, 2019 meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Hull, all in favor. **Minutes approved**

**Correspondence/Announcements**

None

**Old Business**

**11/16/19 Community Forum Feedback-**Commission members review Senior Needs Assessment surveys that had written comments on them to review the comments. A number of residents were looking for a directory of reliable tradesmen and landscapers to do work on their homes/property possibly with a senior discount.

Commission members felt the forum went well and was well organized but poorly attended. Housing and taxes were popular subjects at the forum.

**Suggested Next Steps-**

Weekday date; Community Forum-Survey Results-The Commission didn't feel that another forum on a weekday would be well attended. Maureen would like to contact the Town Tribune to have an article done about the forum.

**New Business**

**Saturday date- March 2020, Community Forum on Senior Housing-** The Commission discussed planning and holding the tax relief forum first then plan a forum on senior housing.

**Community Forum on Elderly Tax Relief-** Weekday date vs. Saturday date for a Community Forum on Elderly Tax Relief discussed. The Commission decided to look into a weekday date; times to hold forum discussed-3pm or 7pm. Julie said she would contact Rich Seman from Town Hall to see if he would be will to attend the forum. She will also ask him if he would be open to attending a Saturday date as an alternative.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Housing-Anita Brown said she will be meeting with Selectman Khris Hall next Tuesday and should have more information after this meeting.

Senior Center Listening Sessions-Anita Brown said there was a Dover resident present that said she would be very interested in moving to New Fairfield if affordable senior housing was available.

Taxes-Janet Loya-absent. Bob Stryker was present and said the results of surveys show that many seniors want to stay in their homes but fear they will not be able to afford to. Bob said he can contact someone from Guilford since they have had a program in place for 20+ years. He could see if someone would be willing to come to New Fairfield to discuss their program.

Transportation-chair vacant. Maureen Salerno said in the Spring she would like the Commission members to learn how to sign up for the HART bus by going through the process of signing up and then taking a ride on a HART. She would also like to invite others to do this with them.

### **Senior Center Report**

Kathy Hull said she did not have a report with her but that the average daily attendance to the Senior Center for the month of November was 98. She said next meeting she would have her annual report.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjournment**

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie MacMillan, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.