

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

**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday January 28, 2020  
NF Senior Center, 33 Route 37  
7:30pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members in Attendance**

Anita Brown, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, Cindy LaCour, Janet Loya, Julie MacMillan, and Maureen Salerno. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Guest Jean O'Neil also present.

**Motion to approve Minutes**

Kathy Hull made a motion to approve the 12-3-19 meeting minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy LaCour, all in favor. **Approved**

**Correspondence/Announcements**

Kathy Hull invited the Commission to the Senior Center's White Elephant sale on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.

**Old Business**

**11/16/19 Community Forum Feedback-** Maureen said she planned to put an article regarding the forum in the Town Tribune.

**Saturday date- March 2020, Community Forum on Senior Housing-** Housing discussed under Sub-committees

**New Business**

**Community Forum Taxes-** Maureen suggested the Commission invite other towns from around the state to see what their tax relief programs offer. The Commission discussed reviewing other towns tax benefit programs. The Commission also discussed why more New Fairfield seniors don't apply or inquire about tax relief. Kathy said a lot of seniors get their taxes done free online at the senior center and that they get referred to the town assessor if they may be eligible for assistance.

Maureen suggested forming a sub-committee to research/discuss other towns they could invite to come and talk at the forum. Maureen and Janet agreed to take this on and invite Bob Stryker to assist them.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

**Housing-** Anita Brown discussed elderly housing. She spoke with people at the state level. The state is creating a housing template to be provided to Town Commissions throughout the state. Anita also discussed a plan to work with zoning and town hall about pulling together a group and wants to include the Planning Commission. She hopes to coordinate with them. The Commission discussed the town owned property behind the schools as a possible senior housing location. Anita will speak to the Planning Commission about the status of the property that the town owns and what their plans are for it. Roberta and Janet said they will go with Anita to the Planning Commission meeting.

**Senior Center Listening Session-** On January 10<sup>th</sup> Anita and Janet hosted the most recent listening session. They spoke with one woman who had moved in with her daughter in New Fairfield into a mother/daughter house. She said is very happy here. Anita and Janet commented that the sessions are not very busy. The next session is scheduled for Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Janet, Cindy and Roberta said they would attend this session.

**Taxes-** Previously discussed

**Transportation-** No discussion

### **Senior Center Report**

Kathy Hull discussed the 2019 Senior Center Annual Report and provided the Senior Center Newsletter. Kathy said the Senior Center Budget remained the same except she is asking to have the administrative assistant position changed from part time to full time. The Center will start being made available to other commissions and community groups for meetings and events.

Guest Jean O'Neil discussed an idea of doing a program at the Senior Center to talk about the facts regarding selling and buying properties and the associated costs and fees.

### **Public Comment**

### **Adjournment**

Janet Loya made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Brown, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm