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

Meeting Minutes Tuesday July 28, 2020 Zoom Meeting 7:30pm

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Members in Attendance

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

Meeting moderated by Paul Gouveia.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes

Kathy Hull made a motion to approve the 6-23-20 meeting minutes, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence/Announcements

Maureen Salerno said she received an email from a concerned senior, who said they had heard about proposed low incoming housing at the October House. Maureen said she responded that she had not heard anything about this. The Commission discussed a conversation on Facebook on this subject, Commission members who are on Facebook will look into what this was about.

Old Business

Outstanding Senior of the Year nominations-Executive Session

The Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss candidates for Outstanding Senior of the Year then returned to the regular meeting.

New Business

A study area for the Commission during the pandemic- Maureen Salerno asked Commission members to think about an area the COA needs to study/learn more about.

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing-

Cindy LaCour discussed the post on Facebook re: affordable housing and the discussion that followed which discussed affordable vs senior housing.

Anita Brown asked the COA to attend the August 5th ZBA meeting because affordable housing is on their agenda. Anita asked if some COA members can make comments at the ZBA meeting about senior housing and that each member that speaks brings up a different point regarding the need for senior housing. Anita said that the ZBA is looking for public comment on this subject.

Senior Center Listening Session- Senior Center still closed due to Pandemic.

Taxes-Janet Loya- Due date for taxes has been extended until October.

Transportation-No discussion.

Senior Center Report: New re-opening schedule and activities-Kathy Hull-Still no plans to re-open for in-person group programs at this time. They did have a shingles vaccine clinic by appointment which went well. They plan to have a Flu clinic in October. Zoom activities continue. Hart buses are running but with only one rider at a time. The senior center has been helping seniors-by appointment-with their devices so they can participate in the online senior center activities.

Maureen said her Caregivers group had a chance to meet in person at one of the members houses, on a large deck, maintaining social distancing.

Public Comment-None

Adjourn

Cindy LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Anita Brown, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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