

Commission on the Aging

4 Brush Hill Road  
New Fairfield, Ct. 06812

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Zoom Meeting 7:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 99240026514

Zoom meeting moderated by Paul Gouveia

Pledge of Allegiance

Members in Attendance: Anita Brown, Kathy Hull, Roberta Ilardo, Cindy La Cour, Janet Loya, Julie MacMillan and Maureen Salerno. Maureen Salerno took the minutes due to Secretary's absence.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Cindy La Cour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberta Ilardo.

Correspondence/Announcements

Several members received notices that their terms had expired. Those members indicated that they would like to continue to serve. All will notify the Board of Selectmen of their intentions to continue. Maureen very thankful that these members are willing to continue to serve.

Old Business

Outstanding Senior of the Year: Maureen reported that Jim Mellett was surprised and very appreciative of this honor. Discussion followed about when his celebration could take place. As of this writing, we are hoping to hold an "Invitation Only" event at the Senior Center on December 1, 2020. This is our regular meeting night. The in-person group cannot be more than 25 people. This will also be a Zoom meeting of this event. Maureen will contact Jim to have him hold the date and to get his invitation list.

New Business

Area of study for the members during the pandemic:

Several topics were mentioned and two were selected for us to start with: Cindy will get us information or a contact person re veterans issues. Anita will explore aging in today's world

Sub-Committee Reports:

Housing: Anita announced that the August Zoning meeting was cancelled; however, she was able to give the Zoning Chairman a written statement from the Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for Wed. September 2, 2020 at 7:30pm. Kathy, Maureen and Anita will be prepared to make a statement re affordable elderly housing if the opportunity arises. Kathy, Maureen and Anita will conference before the meeting. Paul Gouveia will send us a link to the Zoning Zoom Meeting.

Senior Center Listening Session: Kathy reports that it is possible for the sessions to resume with one-to-one sessions. Anita and Janet have volunteered to restart them.

Taxes: Janet reports that the July deadline has been extended to October for payment of taxes.

Transportation: Sweethart Bus service continues with limited number of passengers at a time.

Senior Center Report:

Kathy reports that she is in regular communication with her network of Senior Center Professionals and the Department of Aging re COVID guidelines and the reopening schedule. The Guidelines have been confusing. An opening of November 1, 2020 was suggested. At this time, our center will not reopen on that date. BOS and the Health Director are also in agreement.

Kathy relates that the center has been very busy converting all activities to Zoom meetings. The outdoor programs continue as usual keeping social distancing.

Three flu clinics are scheduled for October. Seniors must make an appointment and follow the senior center rules re masks and times of appointments.

When asked about the effects of the storm on seniors, Kathy responded that she and her program director, Janet, went personally to visit seniors. Kathy was thanked for her tireless efforts and dedication to our seniors.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Julie made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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