

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

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 22, 2020
Zoom Meeting 7:30pm**

Join zoom meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/97944011480>

Meeting Moderator: Paul Gouveia

Members in Attendance

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes

Cindy LaCour made a motion to approve the 8-25-20 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence/Announcements

Commission members received notices regarding reappointment.

Old Business

Outstanding Senior of the Year-Jim Mellett- Maureen said they would be honoring Jim Mellett at the Senior Center on December 1st @ 7:30pm. She spoke with Jim's wife who said they would be having 12 guests attending. Cindy LaCour offered to give Jim and his wife a ride to the event since they don't drive at night. The Commission discussed the option of honoring him via zoom if needed.

New Business

Study project for the Commissioners- Discussed topics for seniors that the Commission could learn more about. Cindy LaCour spoke with Mr. DiMaria from Waterbury Veterans and he said he would attend the next COA meeting to discuss veteran affairs. The Commission discussed topics they would like to know more about: aid and attendance-procedure and application to receive aid, as well as housing and transportation options for veterans were discussed. Cindy will inform Mr. DiMaria about these topics so they can discuss them at the next meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing- Anita Brown said she attended and spoke at the Zoning meeting along with Maureen Salerno and Kathy Hull. Anita felt they received a positive response from the Zoning Commission and that the next step would be to take this to the Planning Commission. Anita said she would submit a letter to the Planning Commission (with the COA board's approval) asking that the topic of affordable elderly housing be included on their agenda. Anita said that COA Commission members should speak at the planning meeting. Maureen feels the COA has hard data to share with them. Kathy feels they need to make an effort to also get the community involved to help make this happen. Cindy LaCour made a

motion approving Anita Brown's submittal of a letter to the Planning Commission, 2nd by Roberta Ilardo, all in favor.

Senior Center Listening Session- there was no listening session this month; discussed possibly planning something for October.

Taxes- no discussion

Transportation- no discussion

Senior Center Report

Kathy Hull said they are still doing virtual programs. They are looking into doing zoom meeting and conference call meetings with seniors. The costs of these options were discussed. On Sept. 26th the Lions Club is hosting an outdoor picnic event. Seniors can stay for the picnic or pick up a grab and go meal. Kathy sent out a robo-call about the picnic to help reach and inform seniors.

Maureen Salerno said her caregivers support group has been holding socially distant meetings outdoors. She asked if her caregiver support group could have their November meeting indoors at the Senior Center in November now that it is getting colder out. They would have 12 people attending the meeting. Kathy said they can discuss this again at next month's meeting to see if this will be ok.

Public Comment-none

Adjourn

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