

**Commission on Aging Brookfield, CT
Regular Monthly Meeting April 2, 2014**

Betsy called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Present - Kevin McCaffrey, Jeanette Holliday, Marilyn Wilke, Betsy McIlvaine, Emily McPadden, Carol Howe, Sue Balla, Richard Groski

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

SOCIAL SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER

National Volunteer Week is April 6-12. Free tax preparation programs on Fridays are concluding on 4/11. Energy Assistance will be ending at the close of April. Usage of the Food Pantry has remained pretty much as last year. Sixty households are visiting the pantry while one hundred thirty-nine are eligible. The Rent Rebate program is ongoing April through October. Jeanette will help families, who qualify, with discounts on summer camp and Park and Rec. programs. Evening programs, at the Senior Center, continue to be popular. AARP will offer a Driver Safety Class on Friday, April 25th from 9:00AM-1:00PM. Lauren is helping seniors at the Senior Center set up a Facebook account that enables them to stay in touch with loved ones. It is hoped this might make seniors feel less isolated.

BROOKS QUARRY

As of this date, there are 6-7 openings. In January ads were placed in local papers. A fair lottery system creates a waiting list of applicants who are called at random when openings occur. They are then given three opportunities to accept a unit. On the third phone call the application is discarded if the party in question is no longer interested. The State Housing Authority awarded the Quarry a grant of \$4,490.00. The money has been used to purchase a large TV screen for the common area and to increase craft classes and other areas of interest, all in an attempt to get residents more involved. Improvements are ongoing that of walk-in tubs and vinyl flooring.

FISH

We have been informed that Newtown FISH will be driving Danbury residents on Tuesdays. Marilyn volunteered to schedule Brookfield rides for the month of May.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Lauren will begin working on our Resource Guide by replacing Newtown's phone numbers with those of Brookfield. It is hoped Curt Symes of Newtown's COA, will attend our May meeting to offer us some advice. Sue will be in contact with him. Betsy agreed to talk with Kathleen Daniels about the affordable housing units that are to be built in town in hopes that we might be able to have some input.

ADJOURNMENT 1:20PM.

Meeting notes submitted by Carol Howe