

## **Minutes of the 9/10/18 Staying Put Board Meeting**

4:40 – 5:40 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, Carol Blauvelt, Lyn Chivvis, Kelly DeFrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Chris Hussy, Peggy Jay, Judy Johnson, Janet Lanaway (by phone), Kathy Pasternak, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg, Sue Scannell.

**Community Resources:** A new Resource Guide for Older Adults, an updated list of Home Care Agencies and a booklet that defines and lists “continuum care options” are available in the office.

**Village to Village Conference:** Barb and Nicola will attend and present at the National Village Conference in San Diego Oct 8 – 10. The presentation is titled: “The Migration toward Membership: Facilitating Engagement within a Village Community.”

**Advisory Council:** The Advisory Council will meet on Oct 24. Lee Barnes and Molly DePatie will hold a focus group to decide on the topic(s) for the meeting.

**Membership Guidelines Reviewed:** Staying Put’s By-Laws state membership is open to residents of New Canaan aged 65 and over. When members move to nearby towns, they are no longer eligible for membership, but will remain on our mailing list and continue to be invited to Staying Put events.

**Events** in August involved 121 attendees overall. The events included: Lunch and Fun at Lapham: Walk Down New Canaan Memory Lane, Dinner at the Roger Sherman, and the annual Woodway Picnic. 85 non-members attended a number of these events.

**Upcoming Events** include a presentation by Janet Lindstrom and Barbara Johansen on the transition of Waveny from a private home to a public treasure. The Lobsterfest will take place at the Historical Society on Sept 21 and 22. Staying Put has several members interested in attending. Staying Put and the New Canaan Library are sponsoring a program called: “Preventing Chaos in a Medical Crisis.” The event will take place at the library on Sept. 27 at 6:30 pm. Staying Put will present its End of

Life program at the Congregational Church on Oct. 28 at 11:15 am in the Parlor. Staying Put and the New Canaan Historical Society are sponsoring a presentation by Dede Bartlett on Aboriginal art found in Australia. The presentation followed by a wine and cheese reception will be held at the New Canaan Historical Society on Nov. 15 at 5:30. In 2019 Staying Put will present a program on insurance, particularly long-term care insurance, and also on Medicaid.

**Communications:** The newsletter has been sent to the press, and will include a complete list of donors. The newsletter will be included in the Appeal mailing. The new brochures have been distributed to the two welcoming organizations in town: The Town Greeter (via Stephanie Radman), and New Neighbors of New Canaan (via Sam Loomis).

**Volunteers:** A Welcome Back Volunteer coffee will be held on Sept 24. The traditional “Thank You Tea” for all Volunteers at Chivvis’ will be a Wine and Cheese from 4 – 6PM on Nov 29. This change is to accommodate the Volunteers busy holiday schedule.