

## **Minutes of the 2/11/2019 Staying Put Board Meeting**

4:30 – 5:50 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, Sherman Bull, Lyn Chivvis, Kelly Defrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Judy Johnson, Janet Lanaway, Steve Orteig, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg, Donna Simone, Chris Snyder, Tom Stadler; Nicola Holzberger by invitation.

**Fundraiser Event:** The board discussed planning a town-wide multi-generational event for 2020. An Event Committee will need to be developed.

**Event Attendance:** Through events, Staying Put has become a resource for the broader community on healthy aging, in 2018, 1,765 attended Staying Put events and in the first month of 2019, 396 attended Staying Put events.

**Updated Mission Statement:** Barb Achenbaum proposed an updated mission statement for Staying Put: The mission of Staying Put is to help older adults successfully age in place in New Canaan and to be a resource for the broader community on healthy aging. Barb Achenbaum discussed four objectives of Staying Put:

1. Keep members safe and actively engaged in the community as they age.
2. Serve as a resource on healthy aging for the community.
3. Maintain financial sustainability.
4. Build awareness of SP's value to the greater community.

**Collaboration:** with Lapham, Waveny LifeCare Network, TeleHealth, the Town, New Canaan CARES, the library, churches, and other local organizations builds awareness of Staying Put as one of the go-to resources for healthy aging.