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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

May 17, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Victor Bible, Grace Comeau, Kathy Fallon, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Edward LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Peggy Shanks, Charlotte Steptoe, Arlene Zappile, Ron Zappile, John Hampton (Board of Selectman liaison), Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator), Joe Loewy (Simsbury Housing Authority, ex-officio member)

Excused: Carrie Kramer, Mona Herman, Lynn Veith, Tim Lim (Student liaison),

Public Audience: None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

Mr. LaMontagne introduced Ms. Peggy Shanks as the newest member of the Commission. Ms. Shanks will be an alternate member filling the vacancy vacated by Tom Doran.

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from April 26, 2011 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Souper Tuesday – Grace Comeau

- There were seventy three attendees, four no shows and five cancellations for the May Souper Tuesday event. This was the last event of the year.
- Ms. Comeau stated that the first three events for next year will be held on September 20th, October 18th and November 15th.
- A copy of the Souper Tuesday Luncheon balance sheet was distributed. As of this date there is a balance of \$1,328.83 in the Souper

Tuesday account. This amount does not include the expense for the May Souper Tuesday event.

Citizen Service Award

- The Senior Service Award was presented to Lina Wagner at the Board of Selectman meeting on Monday May 9th. A reception was held in the Judge of Probate office after the presentation. Approximately fifteen friends and family members were in attendance for the presentation and reception.

Picnic in the Park – Charlotte Steptoe

- Ms. Steptoe announced that the Picnic in the Park event will be held on Saturday, August 27th at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in West Simsbury. There is currently a scheduling issue with the band, but Ms. Steptoe is working to resolve it. The menu and event specifics will be discussed at next month's meeting.

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SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility – Mike Jennings

- Twenty seven town facilities will be reviewed by Commission members.
- The ADA Checklist to be utilized for the survey was reviewed.
- The accessibility survey will begin on June 1st.
- Mr. LaMontagne will contact the Superintendent of Schools and town officials to inform them that the survey will be taking place.

Senior/Community Center Assessment – Mona Martinik

- Several commission members attended a meeting with Mr. Arcari from the architectural firm of Quisenberry & Arcari, which will be completing the senior center survey.
- Mr. Arcari attended the May Souper Tuesday luncheon and spoke with the seniors. Ms. Martinik gave Mr. Arcari a tour of Eno Memorial Hall.
- Mr. Arcari will be establishing times to meet with town officials, seniors and Commission members.

Public Relations – Vic Bible

- Mr. Bible submitted press releases regarding the Senior Service Award to several media outlets.
- He will be sending out press releases regarding the accessibility survey.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT – Kathleen Marschall, Senior Center Coordinator

- Ms. Marschall stated that seniors were invited to attend a dinner and lacrosse game at the high school on May 4th. Twenty seniors attended.
- Ethen K., a high school senior, will be giving a recital on Monday, May 23rd at

7:00 p.m. at Eno Memorial Hall. Dinner will also be provided.

- Mr. Tim Arcari will be spending time at the senior center on May 17th and 18th.

REPORT FROM STUDENT LIAISON – Tim Lim (reported by Ed LaMontagne)

- Tim stated that he has contacted the advisor for the Junior Civitan group at the high school. She will be mobilizing a group to assist with the Picnic in the Park event.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Outreach

- The next meeting of the Senior Outreach group will not be held until the fall.
- A group of students played bingo with Virginia Connolly residents last month.

Sub Committee Reorganization

- After discussion and review the Commission decided to eliminate the Disability Needs Assessment, Housing and Tax Relief sub-committees. Two new sub-committees were established – Transportation and Intergenerational Programs.
- Commissioner selected which sub committees they would like to be a part of.
- The final document of the Commission's Program/Subcommittees will be completed and distributed to appropriate parties by early summer.

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NEW BUSINESS

North Central Region Mental Health Board

- Mr. LaMontagne announced that he was appointed Chairman of CAC18.
- There has been a request that a "club house" for individuals with mental health issues be established in the Farmington Valley. Transportation from the Farmington Valley to treatment facilities in Hartford is another issue which needs to be discussed.

Legislative Update

- Mr. Loewy stated that the criminal background law for home care aides is moving forward.
- SB 139, which is a bill of rights for seniors, had an attachment placed on it regarding provision of enclosed and heated areas for smokers.

Correspondence

- None
- Other
- Dr. Koff passed around drawings completed by an individual with an intellectual disability which were done entirely by using a typewriter.
- Mr. Loewy discussed a meeting he, Mark Orenstein and Ed LaMontagne had with Tom Cooke from the Town of Simsbury and Rich Nahmias from FAVARH. The meeting was to discuss employment options the town may have for FAVARH clients.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Koff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: June 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room Eno Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Veith
Lynn R. Veith
Clerk