TOWN OF SIMSBURY

AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 19, 2016

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

The regular meeting of the Aging and Disability Commission was held on April 19, 2016 in the Youth Room – ENO Memorial Hall – 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT.

PRESENT

Janet Beatty, Victor Bible, Cheryl Cook (BOS Liaison), Lorraine Doonan, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, April Schmidt, Diana Yeisley, and Kathleen Marshall (Senior Center Coordinator)

EXCUSED

Grace Comeau, Margaret Diachenko, Mark Orenstein, and Arlene Zappile

GUEST

Lorraine Cardoso of Second Chance Shop, Simsbury

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Edward J. LaMontagne, Chairman, at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Bible and Ms. Doonan were asked to serve as regular members for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Cook arrived after attending a special Board of Finance meeting. The town deficit that is coming because of state budget cuts (about $660,000) will need to be addressed by the town; she anticipated that one-third would come from town boards, one-third from capital projects, and one-third from other means to be determined. As a result, the town spending referendum will be pushed out from May 10th to June 7th. She also announced that the BOS will be providing a schedule for a representative from each town commission to attend BOS meetings and report on next year’s goals.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Ms. Marshall noted that John Hampton had contacted her asking that veterans or families of veterans contact his office to see if they are eligible for a medal. Connecticut Wartime Service Medal Presentation Ceremony will be held August 3rd at Eno Hall.

PROGRAM REPORTS

**Souper Tuesday**

* Ms. Martinek reported that the April 12th event did not have enough servers. Students from Tarrifville School will attend the May 10th event. Ms. Martinek asked for four volunteers from the Aging and Disability Commission to serve from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

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* Fashion Show: Ms. Cardoso spoke on behalf of Second Chance Shop saying they would like to continue to hold the fashion show and would like to hold it in October. Ms. Martinek suggested that someone from the Commission should chair the event. Mr. LaMontagne suggested the Commission would discuss and get back to the Second Chance Shop with a decision about continuing to sponsor. Ms. Yeisley moved that we continue to sponsor. Ms. Beatty seconded. Motion passed to sponsor the fashion show after the October Souper Tuesday on October 18th (the high school will be closed on October 11). Ms. Yeisley volunteered to be the chair from the Commission.
* Due to Election Day the November Souper Tuesday will be on November 15th.
* Fitzgerald’s has not billed us for Souper Tuesday for March and April; balance of $669.90 will cover March and April costs. Simsbury/Granby Rotary Club will cover June Souper Tuesday with a $400 donation. Monies for this year’s events are secured.
* Ms. Martinek suggested that we revisit how we secure funding for next year’s Super Tuesdays. She suggested either a charge of $2/person be initiated to cover costs of future Souper Tuesdays or go to Chamber of Commerce and suggest business sponsorships.

**Picnic in the Park**

Ms. Yeisley reported that she will contact St. Catherine of Siena church to see if either August 20th or August 27th is available. Ms. Marshall will check on using insurance from the town. Budget will be about same as last year, where about 75 attended.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Senior/Community Center Update**

Mr. LaMontagne obtained the feasibility report on Andy’s, which indicates the location may not feasible as a Senior Center. At the PAC location the Concept B plan, which is a separate building not attached to the PAC, may be the best option.

**New Brochure Status**

Mr. LaMontagne received permission from the town clerk to use the town logo on the new commission brochure. The brochure will now be sent out for printing.

**Fall Seminar**

Ms. Doonan reported on progress the planning group has made for the fall seminar series to be held at the Simsbury Library Program Room from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on September 27, October 25, and November 29. They plan to have flyer done by next meeting.

**Spring Forum**

The Aging and Disability Commission Form will be held on June 14th from 1:00-2:30 in the Old Court Room, Eno Hall. It will be an open forum to receive comments about the level of services the town offers as well as what additional services are desired.

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**Other**

Mr. LaMontagne received correspondence notifying that the Republican Town Committee will be nominating Susan Krinsky as an alternate member of the Aging and Disability Commission. The nomination will be put before the Board of Selectman on Monday, April 25th.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Autism Awareness**

The Board of Selectman issued a Proclamation proclaiming April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month and April 2nd, World Autism Awareness Day. Mr. LaMontagne attended the meeting and accepted the proclamation.

**State Budget**

Drastic reductions — no funding for graduates this year. Mr. LaMontagne will write a letter to our state representatives asking for no cuts in the Developmental Disabilities budget.

**Other**

* Ms. Cook noted that an informative program put on by the Community for Care committee on April 6th titled “Exploring Depression and Anxiety” was taped by SCTV to be aired in future.
* Ms. Yeisley announced SEPTO will be conducting a program on transitions on April 27th at 7 p.m. in Henry James cafeteria.
* Ms. Yeisley noted that she will be working with Simsbury Library, which just received a grant to provide services for people with disabilities and autism. Ms. Yeisley will do training with staff. She is also working with the YMCA; adaptive memberships going in effect immediately so aide or family member will not have to pay fee. YMCA is working on programs for young adults and adults for Unified Sports and comparable programs and is looking for input.
* Mr. LaMontagne will ask the Board of Selectman to issue a proclamation for Handicap Awareness Month (June) at their meeting on May 23rd.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Regular meeting of March 15, 2016

Ms. Yeisley moved to approve with corrections and was seconded by Ms. Doonan. All voted in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Long moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. and Ms. Yeisley seconded.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall**

Submitted by

Jan Beatty

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Clerk