

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016  
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

The regular meeting of the Aging and Disability Commission was held on September 20, 2016 in the Youth Room – ENO Memorial Hall – 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT.

**PRESENT**

Janet Beatty, Lorraine Doonan, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Susan Krinsky, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, April Schmidt, Diana Yeisley, Arlene Zappile, Cheryl Cook (Board of Selectman Liaison) and Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Coordinator), Susan Ray (Simsbury Library).

**EXCUSED**

Grace Comeau, Margaret Diachenko, and Victor Bible

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** - Regular meeting of June 20, 2016

Ms. Yeisley moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Orenstein seconded. All voted in favor.

**BOS LIAISON REPORT**

Cheryl Cook noted that BOS was busy in August with charter revision questions, which will be on the ballot and asks that people read the questions prior to getting to the polls. A mailer will go out explaining what the questions are. A solar project has been the subject of several BOS meetings; the town will enter into a lease option with a solar company for panels to be placed on the capped landfill. Any funds produced will go back to social services in town. The plan must be approved by DEP, but it may generate \$13,000 in savings its first year that could be distributed. Public hearing on this subject held at the library brought up concerns about the glare from the panels that might affect planes landing at Bradley; FAA was advised and asked to evaluate.

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT**

Ms. Marschall noted that in partnership with library there will be two free flu/pneumonia shot clinics; one on September 26th and the second October 5th. She notes that numbers have been down. The Annual Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon will be held at noon on September 29th with a catered lunch by Kane's and entertainment by Intonations. Pass for seniors available at Senior Center that allows free access to sporting and arts events at the high school.

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**PROGRAM REPORTS**

➤ **Souper Tuesday**

- September 20th event – Ms. Martinik reported that it went well and that the Lion’s Club will provide \$400 for the fall. Discussion among commissioners about ways of contacting other businesses to support future Souper Tuesdays. Ms. Cook suggested placing a note on town of Simsbury Facebook page.
- Fashion Show – Ms. Yeisley noted that it will be held October 18<sup>th</sup>. She and Ms. Marschall met with Lorraine Cardosa from Second Chance Shop last week to finalize details. Eighty people have signed up. Dr. Koff moved that the Commission pay for lunch for models. Ms. Schmidt seconded. Motion approved.

- **Picnic in the Park** – Ms. Yeisley noted this year’s event was a big success with 125 people in attendance. Ice cream truck, burgers, chicken nuggets all were big hits. Nice mix of group homes, families, with two people attending from Ojakian Commons. Feedback was great. Kane’s bill to come, but the event will come in under budget. Next year, note to bring more water and could use a few more volunteers. Ms. Yeisley received a round of applause from the Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Senior/Community Center Update:** Mr. LaMontagne noted that, due to serious economic conditions at both the state and local level, the construction of a new Senior/Community Center will require additional thought. Some town money may be used to address the accessibility issues in Eno Memorial Hall. Ms. Cook noted that BOS has not yet voted on a site decision and will continue to discuss with Public Building Committee; she is hopeful that there will be opportunities to use the library for programming. Ms. Ray noted changes that will be made to accommodate seniors. Ms. Cook also notes that there is no further cost built into the plan for future consulting. Ms. Cook notes that the meeting between A&D Commission, PAC Board and Public Building Committee may be put back on meeting agenda in October.
- **Fall Presentations Update:** Ms. Doonan noted that the first session is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. in the program room of the Simsbury Library. Anticipate 35 attendees and about 8 commissioners. Mr. Orenstein will video the presentation for SCTV. An email blast reminder will go out on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Other:** No other business was discussed.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Ojakian Commons Request:** Mr. LaMontagne noted that he was asked to bring a flyer to the commission requesting donations to a memorial fund for a former resident.
- **Community for Care:** An event was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Simsbury Public Library and was attended by about 12 people.
- **Brochures:** Now printed and distributed to commission and will be brought to fall presentations at library and other locations.
- **Connecticut Commission on Women, Children and Seniors:** Mr. LaMontagne discussed the new Commission, which is a combination of three separate commissions. The consolidation was seen as a cost saving measure for the state.
- **Approve 2017 Meeting Dates:** Schedule for future meeting dates was distributed. Dr. Koff made a motion that all dates be approved. Ms. Long seconded. Motion carried with change of November date to the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Other:**

Ms. Martinik reported that she talked with Lisa Heavner who suggested that the A&D Commission provide a letter to BOS asking for accessible bars to be added to the bathrooms at Eno Memorial Hall. Ms. Cook will follow up.

Mr. Jennings brought a flyer to the commission on the Brain Injury Alliance of CT Walk for Thought to be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rentschler Field in East Hartford

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Orenstein moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Dr. Koff seconded.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall**

Submitted by  
*Jan Beatty*  
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Clerk