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TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

June 15, 2010

Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Grace Comeau, Kathy Fallon, Marvin Koff, Mona Herman, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Ed LaMontagne, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Arlene Zappile, Joe Loewy, ex officio (Simsbury Housing Authority), John Hampton (Board of Selectman liaison)

Excused: Carrie Kramer, Tom Doran, Mike Jennings, Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator), Mark Orenstein

Guest: Vic Bible

Public Audience: Margaret Diachenko  
Margaret Diachenko, President of the Civitan Club, presented the Aging and Disability Commission with a donation of \$500.00 for Picnic In The Park.

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from May 18, 2010 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Picnic In The Park - Charlotte Steptoe  
The location (St. Catherine's) and insurance have been secured. St Catherine's has two youth groups who are interested in assisting. Ms. Martinik has four adult volunteers. Ms. Steptoe will invite Father White and Linda Butler from the church to the event. Ms. Steptoe asked for volunteers to contact group homes and potential attendees. Ms. Martinik and Ms. Long will assist.

Souper Tuesday - Grace Comeau

Ms. Comeau spoke with Fitzgerald's regarding the price of the soup for Souper Tuesday.

Tentative future dates for the Souper Tuesday events are as follows:  
September 21, 2010; October 19, 2010; November 16, 2010; March 14, 2011;  
April 19, 2011; May 17, 2011

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#### SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Disability Needs Assessment - Mike Jennings  
Mr. Jennings excused. Mr. LaMontagne reported that he spoke with Mr. Bazzano from the town and the survey will remain on the website until July 2. It has been moved to the front page of the web site.

Housing - Ed LaMontagne/Joe Loewy  
No updates

Public Relations - Carrie Kramer  
Ms. Kramer excused. Ed LaMontagne, Mike Jennings and Mona Martinik will tape a show on SCTV with John Hampton on June 29th. The show will be aired in July.  
Mr. LaMontagne received a call from Buzz Holmes for another SCTV interview.

Senior/Community Center Assessment - Mona Martinik  
A discussion was held regarding the potential for a new Senior Center and the process that needs to happen. Discussions included establishing a 'Friends of the Senior Center'. Mr. Hampton will set up a meeting with Ed LaMontagne, Mona Martinik, and Mary Glassman to discuss "next steps".

Tax Relief Update - Ed LaMontagne  
Mr. LaMontagne e-mailed David Gardner, Town of Simsbury Assessor, to determine how many people have taken advantage of the existing tax relief program.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT - Kathleen Marschall, Senior Center Coordinator  
Ms. Marschall excused. No report.

OLD BUSINESS

#### Commission Revenue/Expenses

Mr. LaMontagne sent a request letter to the Committee of Deacons from the First Church of Christ for a donation for Souper Tuesday. A letter also sent to the Newcomers Club and the United Methodist Church. A reconciliation report was shared.

#### Schools and Senior Outreach

Mr. LaMontagne reported that there was a meeting two weeks ago. Mr. LaMontagne, Mr. Loewy and Mr. Hampton updated Commission members on the current status of this new program.

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#### Volunteer Program

Mr. LaMontagne updated members on the status of the program. Details on payment to seniors for volunteering their services are still being explored.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### Student Appointment

Mr. LaMontagne reported that one of the off shoots of the Schools and Senior Outreach was to have a student act as a liaison between the high school and commission. A student from the Student Council has expressed interest. The plan is for this student to attend the July meeting.

#### Accessibility Issue at Henry James Middle School

Mr. LaMontagne shared information regarding accessibility issues at Henry James Middle School, which arose during the town budget vote in May. He will coordinate with Tom Roy and Dr. Ullman to determine what can be done to make access into the school more acceptable.

#### Correspondence

Mr. LaMontagne shared a notice from the town regarding the importance of numbering your home, especially for emergency services. He has e-mailed Officer Mimnaugh regarding potential ways the Commission might assist seniors and persons with disabilities. He will also discuss the concern with Kathleen at the Senior Center to add a notice in the Communicator.

#### Other Business

Mr. LaMontagne shared a report on the AARP newsletter that Connecticut has the second highest median real estate taxes. Mr. LaMontagne also shared a

an article from CNN that Vermont Seniors need to return the \$250.00 rebate check from the Federal Government for the Medicare Part D donut hole as the state of Vermont already provides this funding.

ADJOURNMENT:

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mona Herman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next meeting: July TBD, 2010, Eno Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Veith  
Clerk