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TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Youth Room, Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Victor Bible, Grace Comeau, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Carrie Kramer, Edward LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Peggy Shanks, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Ron Zappile, Joe Loewy, (Simsbury Housing Authority), John Hampton (Board of Selectman Liaison), Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator), Mickey LeCours-Beck, Simsbury Social Services

Excused: Kathy Fallon, Arlene Zappile

Public Audience: None

Guests: A presentation was made to the Commission by Margaret Smith Hale and Marsha Hess from the Independent Transportation Network of North Central CT. Ms. Hale presented an overview of the current program and services. Currently, these services do not include the Town of Simsbury, but Ms. Hale would like the Commission's assistance in finding resources (volunteers) and spreading the word about the transportation services. Ms. Hale distributed information regarding the program.

Ms. Lecours-Beck indicated that many more individuals from the town are requesting assistance from the Social Services Department. To that end her department is initiating a new program, which will consist of distributing "Help A Neighbor" jars. The jars will be filled with coins that will be distributed to those in need. Ms. Lecours-Beck stated that the jars are to be returned to the Social Service Office during the month of December.

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from July 19, 2011 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections.

#### SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Souper Tuesday – Grace Comeau

Ms. Comeau reported on the first Souper Tuesday of the season, which was held today. There were approximately sixty nine attendees and seven no shows. Mr. LaMontagne distributed the program budget reconciliation, which indicates a balance of \$661.83 after today's expenditures.

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##### Public Relations – Vic Bible

Mr. Bible was thanked for advertising the Picnic in the Park event in many of the local print media and SCTV. He requested that Commission members make a copy of any print or on-line publications concerning the Commission activities.

#### SENIOR CENTER REPORT – Kathy Marschall

Ms. Marschall distributed a flyer regarding a Simsbury High School football game to be played this coming Friday night with indoor tailgating prior to the event. The dinner and football game are free for senior citizens. This program is part of the Senior Outreach Program. The Senior Citizens Assisting Education program will be resuming again this fall. The 2011flu clinics will be held at Eno Memorial Hall on Oct 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Oct 27th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Picnic In The Park – Charlotte Steptoe

The program was cancelled due to Tropical Storm Irene. There were approximately 130 individuals scheduled to attend, including volunteers. The Archdiocese of Hartford returned the \$100.00 insurance payment. The Commission members thanked Ms. Steptoe for all her work in planning the event.

##### Accessibility Study – Ed LaMontagne

There are several reports which have yet to be submitted. Therefore, the study results are pending. The goal for completion will be sometime in October.

Senior Center Needs Assessment – Report from Architect  
Mr. LaMontagne shared copies of the Program and Needs Assessment  
for the Simsbury Senior Center compiled by Quisenberry, Arcari  
Architects, LLC. The report was initially presented at a Public  
Building  
Sub-Committee meeting on September 9th. Mr. LaMontagne, Mr.  
Orenstein, Mr. Jennings and Ms. Martinik were in attendance. The  
architect will be conducting public hearings in the near future.

Programs/Sub Committees – Ed LaMontagne  
Mr. LaMontagne distributed copies of the updated Aging and  
Disability  
Commission Programs and Subcommittees document. This document  
will be presented to the Board of Selectman and other town  
departments.  
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#### NEW BUSINESS

Handicapped Parking Issue – Mike Jennings  
Mr. Jennings shared an experience he had in the Fitzgerald's plaza.  
The  
delivery vehicle for a business in the plaza had parked in an area  
which  
prevented the appropriate use of the handicapped parking space. Mr.  
Jennings contacted John Hampton who relayed the information to  
Police  
Chief Ingvertson. The Police Chief rectified this situation, but Mr.  
Jennings, and others, indicated that the problem is more prevalent  
throughout town. The handicapped parking issues will remain on the  
Commission agenda.

Student Liaison – Ed LaMontagne  
Mr. LaMontagne shared an e-mail from Tim Lim indicating that he was  
resigning from the Commission. Mr. Lim has suggested that Arpit  
Dave  
replace him on the Commission as the student liaison. This was  
approved by Mr. Sullivan, the High School Principal. Mr. Dave's name  
will  
be sent to the Board of Selectman for approval.

NCRMHB Report – Ed LaMontagne

Mr. LaMontagne reported on the status of individuals with mental health and addiction services. There are currently 213 Simsbury residents who are receiving services from the state. The Chrysalis Center in Hartford has established a weekend program at the Valley Baptist Church in Avon for residents from the Farmington Valley. These services will be starting in the near future.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Ms Steptoe indicated that she found a cookbook while at September Fest. The cookbook mentions several past members of the Commission.

Mr. LaMontagne wished happy holidays to the Jewish members of the Commission.

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#### ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Zappile made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Koff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Town of Simsbury Aging and Disability Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room of Eno Memorial Hall on Hopmeadow Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Veith

Lynn R. Veith  
Clerk