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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

October 19, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in Room 111 at Henry James Memorial School, 155 Firetown Road, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Victor Bible, Grace Comeau, Carrie Kramer, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Mona Herman, Edward LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Arlene Zappile, Ron Zappile

Members Excused: Kathy Fallon

Members Absent: Tom Doran

Ex Officio Members Present: John Hampton (Board of Selectman liaison), Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Coordinator), Joe Loewy (Simsbury Housing Authority), Tim Lim (Student Liaison)

Public Audience: None

Guests: Sue Lemke, Principal Henry James Memorial School, Dr. Diane Ullman, Superintendent of Schools, Neil Sullivan, Principal Simsbury High School, Lisa Heavner, BOS liaison to Board of Education

Dr. Ullman, Sue Lemke, Lisa Heavner and Neil Sullivan updated the Commission members on the past, current and future intergenerational programs between seniors and programs with junior high and high school programs.

Ms. Steptoe asked that in addition to senior programs, opportunities be investigated for persons with disabilities.

Dr. Ullman updated those present on the Senior Citizens Assisting Education program in which seniors who volunteer at the High School for 30 hours

during the course of the school year will receive a voucher for purchases at Main Street Partnership stores.

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from September 14, 2010 were reviewed and approved with spelling corrections.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Souper Tuesday-Grace Comeau

Ms. Comeau reported that the Fashion Show Souper Tuesday event was very well attended. Those that could not attend called the Senior Center prior to the event. There was a significant reduction in no-shows. Ms. Comeau asked those who attended the Souper Tuesday event about a change in the menu. They all agreed that next month's menu will be beef stew instead of soup and sandwich. Ms. Comeau thanked the kitchen volunteers who come early, stay late and provide all the decorations for the event.

Mr. LaMontagne distributed the financial reconciliation for Souper Tuesday funds as well as the temporary special account.

Picnic In The Park - Charlotte Steptoe

Ms. Steptoe thanked the commission members for their assistance with the event. There were a large number of volunteers who also assisted including volunteers from St. Catherine of Siena Church.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility - Mike Jennings

Mr. LaMontagne has requested that Mr. Jennings chair the Accessibility Sub Committee and he has agreed.

Mr. LaMontagne shared a printout from Cheshire County, NH web site regarding ADA compliance.

Tom Cook has been appointed the new town Director of Administrative Services and will be assuming the responsibility of ADA Coordinator for the Town of Simsbury. Mr. LaMontagne will be meeting with Mr. Cook next week.

Disability Needs Assessment - Mike Jennings

Mr. Jennings reported that Mr. LaMontagne and Mr. Jennings are working on formalizing the results of the survey and will be presenting the report at a BOS meeting in November.

Housing - Ed LaMontagne/Joe Loewy

Mr. Loewy reported that Virginia Connelly and Owen Murphy are full. The School Senior Outreach Program has established four meeting dates for the students at Henry James to provide assistance. Westminster School students came for a day to assist residents.

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Public Relations - Carrie Kramer

Mr. Bible has volunteered to assist on the Public Relations sub-committee. Ms. Kramer spoke to SCTV to set up a date for a program taping.

Senior/Community Center Assessment - Mona Martinik

Ms. Martinik, Mr. LaMontagne and Mr. Hampton have a meeting with Mary Glassman regarding future potential Senior Center plans. Ms. Martinik provided updates on communications regarding options. Changes will be made to the ceramics room. She is meeting with Tom Roy regarding Senior Center parking at Eno.

Tax Relief Update - Ed LaMontagne/John Hampton

Refer to information provided by Dr. Ullman (guests)

SENIOR CENTER REPORT - Kathleen Marschall, Senior Center Coordinator

Ms. Marschall passed around the flyer regarding the Senior Citizens Assisting Education Program for seniors to volunteer in schools. Thirty seven passes to programs at the schools were distributed today at the Senior Center. There are more passes available. A new Choices Counselor will be available through the Senior Center. Contact the Senior Center for further information. There is a Veteran's breakfast on November 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. This is a collaborative project with the Junior Woman's Club.

OLD BUSINESS

Accessibility at Henry James Memorial School

Three members of the commission and two BOS representatives met with Sue Lemke, Principal of Henry James Memorial School, met to discuss accessibility issues at the school specifically for voting. Of specific concern was access to the gymnasium, where voting is held, and parking.

Members of the Commission will evaluate the polling places for accessibility at the upcoming election in November.

Ms. Kramer distributed a booklet on the "Your Rights as a Voter with a Disability"

Other Business

There was no other business reported.

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NEW BUSINESS

North Region Mental Health Board

Mr. LaMontagne distributed information on a new case management program that agencies are providing to individuals with mental health issues.

"Housing Dreams"

Mr. LaMontagne reported that the group has reorganized and will be having meetings starting in early 2011. He will be attending their meetings.

Updated Commission List

Mr. LaMontagne distributed an updated list of Commissioners. He asked that the members review the data and update him with information.

Announcements

- Ms. Kramer shared that Dr. Trojan will be speaking about concussion management at Simsbury High School. The program is October 21 at 7:00 pm.
- Mr. Jennings reported that the Brain Injury Association walkathon will take place this Sunday.

Correspondence

- Mr. LaMontagne received letters from the Town of Simsbury indicating that Ron Zappile and Mr. Lin have been appointed as members of the commission.
- Mr. LaMontagne received a request from West of Hartford at Home to present at the next commission meeting in November.

Other Business

Ms. Steptoe shared a brochure regarding fire safety.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bible made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: November 16, 2010, Eno Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Veith

Clerk

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