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Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Program Room at The Simsbury Public Library, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:00 p.m.

Excused: Ann Walters Thompson, Mona Herman

Guests: None

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Souper Tuesday - Grace Comeau

Ms. Comeau reported that 125 people attended the Souper Tuesday event on October 21st. The Fashion Show which followed, was also a success. First Church of Christ sponsored the event and the Lions Club members were servers.

In April, the Tarrifville fifth grade students will attend the Souper Tuesday event. Ms. Comeau will also investigate a speaker/program for the February program.

## SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Accessibility - Ann Walters Thompson

Mr. LaMontagne reported that he contacted Mr. Beach regarding that there is a handicapped space in front of Harvest Café that does not have a handicapped parking sign. Mr. Holloway was contacted; he will check the current signage and hopes to accomplish by the end of the month

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Mr. LaMontagne reported that he contacted Mr. Toner regarding the lack of access to bathrooms at Simsbury Farms, which was reported by a senior attending the senior picnic in September. The project has been moved up to the 2009/10 budget. The interim plan may include renting of portable toilets.

Mr. Jennings reported on some challenges he has experienced with accessibility. Ms. Kramer recommended that the Town of Simsbury ADA Coordinator attend Commission meetings. Mr. LaMontagne will contact First Selectman Mary Glassman to determine if the town's ADA Coordinator should or could attend commission meetings.

### Disability Needs Assessment - Mike Jennings

Mr. Jennings developed a table identifying distribution methods for the survey. A discussion was held regarding utilizing commission funds for professional assistance. Mr. Jennings will provide details to Mr. LaMontagne regarding the status of the survey, needs and options.

### Housing-Ed LaMontagne

Mr. LaMontagne updated the Commission regarding the status of the incentive housing grant received by the Town. The consultant has not been selected at this time.

### Public Relations-Carrie Kramer

Ms. Kramer met with the BOE to get information to parents and families regarding disability needs.

Ms. Kramer and Ms. Fallon suggested a meeting with Chamber of Commerce members to sponsor an event with the Chamber membership to educate them regarding commission issues and education.

### Senior/Community Center Assessment-Mona Martinik

Ms. Martinik reported in the Housing Dreams group of parents researching options for housing for adult children with disabilities. She has

coordinated with SCTV for the group to do a program.

Ms. Martinik met with First Selectman Mary Glassman regarding the current status of the Senior Center. Items discussed included parking, the fact that 100-150 people attend the Senior Center each day, Souper Tuesday attendance, fire doors, library space, the kitchen stove, and entranceway. Ms. Martinik will be having another meeting with Ms. Glassman.

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Tax Relief - Ed LaMontagne

Mr. LaMontagne sent an email to the Town's Assessor to obtain information regarding the number of Veterans (disabled) who accessed the recent tax relief program. As of this meeting he did not receive a response. Mr. Rich Hogan will follow up.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT - Kathleen Marschall, Senior Center Coordinator  
The construction on the front hallway will begin October 22. The entrance will be closed during construction. Additional construction will take place in the spring.

There was a program on home heating assistance and safety. Referrals should be directed to the Social Services Department staff.

Flu shots will be available next week and again in November.

There is a drop off place at Fitzgerald's and Andy's for the Food Closet. The food closet was running low. Donations are coming in.

St. Mary's School is having their annual Thanksgiving meal in November.

Ms. Glassman will be coming to the Senior Center this week. All are encouraged to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Plans For Community Forums

A community forum will be held after the November Souper Tuesday event. A proposal was made to have another meeting on November 18th from 6:30-7:00 at Eno Auditorium prior to the Commission meeting. The proposal was approved.

#### Revenue/Expense Update

Mr. LaMontagne has not received an updated report from the town as yet. He will provide an update at the next meeting.

#### Distribution of Action Plans for Program/Sub-Committees

Mr. LaMontagne distributed a booklet of the Aging and Disability Commission Program Committees and Sub Committees, which describes the Committees Action Plans. He plans to distributed the booklets to the Aging and Disability Commission

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Board of Selectman at the next BOS meeting. Mickey Lecours-Beck, Director of Social Services and the town's ADA Coordinator will also receive a copy.

#### Other Business

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### Update on Eno Renovations

Mr. LaMontagne updated the members on the results of Eno Memorial Hall Preservation Survey. A presentation will be made to the BOS next week.

#### North Central Regional Mental Health Board

Mr. LaMontagne shared a letter from the Board asking for a representative to be appointed to the Board. The individual would represent the Town of Simsbury on the NCRMHB.

#### Announcements

Mr. LaMontagne shared a memo from Ms. Glassman regarding Act Concerning Comprehensive Ethics Reform that requires minutes from public meeting be posted on the town website within 7 days of the meeting date.

#### Correspondence

None

#### Other Business

None

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting: November 18, 2008

Ms. Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Martinik seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Veith  
Clerk