

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION –REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

The regular meeting of the Aging and Disability Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 17, 2019, in the Youth Room, Eno Memorial Hall, Simsbury.

PRESENT

Jan Beatty, Anne Erickson, Sandee Fleet, Mike Jennings, Mark Orenstein, Kate Robbins, Diana Yeisley, Arlene Zappile, Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Coordinator), Susan Ray (Library) and Cheryl Cook (Board of Selectman Liaison)

EXCUSED

Victor Bible, Joy Himmelfarb, Marvin Koff, Edward LaMontagne, Lorraine Doonan, Shannon Knall, Susan Krinsky, and Cheryl Lauben

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Diana Yeisley, Vice Chairman, at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None held.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting of June 18, 2019

The minutes were approved without correction.

BOS LIAISON REPORT

Selectwoman Cook noted that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) is in the process of refining how the town appoints unaffiliated voters to town boards and commissions. She also said that the 350th Anniversary Committee now has a website (simsbury350.com) as well as a FaceBook page. Simsbury's Economic Development Commission is hosting its second small business roundtable event September 18th. She noted that Simsbury's Parks & Open Space Master Plan Survey is now available online (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIMSBURY-PARKSMP>) and encouraged everyone to participate. Ms. Marschall thanked Tom Tyburski for providing hard copies of the survey to the Senior Center. Finally, Ms. Cook noted that last week was Suicide Prevention Week and said there will be a free Narcan training on September 26th at the library.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Senior Center Director Ms. Marschall noted that the center's annual police picnic, held September 4th, was attended by just under 200 seniors; she thanked the Simsbury Police Department for another great event. She noted that there will be a flu clinic at Eno Memorial Hall on Thursday, September 26, from 9:30-11:30 am. Appointments can be made through the VNA at (860) 651-3539. On October 3rd at 1:30 there will be a Medicare workshop at the Senior Center; individual appointments with Carolyn Krystiniak can also be made by calling the Social Services office. On October 6th there will be a free concert by pianist David Eberly from 2-3 at the library. Finally, she noted that the Senior Center Fashion Show on October 10th is looking for models.

PROGRAM REPORTS

- Picnic in the Park: Ms. Yeisley noted that the picnic was held in July this year, but it wasn't quite as well attended as the prior year's. Group homes unfortunately didn't come, but there were some new attendees. One bill (from Kanes) is outstanding, but estimating that bill, the fund will likely still have approximately \$400. She thanked commissioners who attended.
- Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show: Ms. Marschall noted it will be held Thursday, October 10 and will again be co-sponsored by the Favarh store. Ms. Marschall will check with Grace to see if Lions Club members want to serve at the luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS

- Age Friendly Community Update: Ms. Yeisley passed around a listing of the Community Partners for the application that will be submitted to AARP.
- Loan Locker Update: Ms. Yeisley distributed the article in The Valley Press that featured comments from Alan Needham. She noted that the locker is still looking for a home, as Anthology is not an option.
- Seminar – Fall or Spring: No report, as Mr. Bible was absent. Planning will begin soon for a spring seminar; no fall seminar planned.
- Ms. Robbins asked what had happened with Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG). Mr. Orenstein noted that to his knowledge HFPG is still in the process of meeting to form a committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- For All Ages: Deb Bibbins founded this group and will talk with the commission in October. Ms. Yeisley passed around a flyer noting that the group has planned an intergenerational workshop of creating Adirondack-style chairs that will be placed around town for the 350th Anniversary..
- Simsbury 350: Ms. Cook noted that there is a FaceBook page for the celebration and there will be a master calendar on the town website. Ms. Yeisley noted that commissioners should think about how they would like the commission to be represented.
- Simsbury's Parks & Open Spaces Survey: Ms. Yeisley passed out information with the Survey Monkey website address and echoed Ms. Cook's request for participation.
- Article-Disability advocates rankled by Stamford outdoor seating violations: Ms. Cook noted that we have several outdoor eating establishments and we should start to be aware of accessibility in these circumstances. Mr. Jennings noted how important it is if we are to be an Age-Friendly community.
- Other: Next sensory-friendly event will be October 28th 4:30-6:30, Sensory Friendly Halloween, at Eno Memorial Hall. She noted that they will need some volunteers to hand out treats. December 6 will be the sensory-friendly holiday event. Ms. Marschall noted that it would be helpful to distribute a short survey about the sensory-friendly events to assess what would be desirable.
- Mr. Orenstein noted that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Tariffville Room at the library will be September 22 at 1:30 with entertainment to follow at 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a request to adjourn the meeting was made. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 7:00 pm, at Eno Memorial Hall.

Submitted by,
Jan Beatty
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Secretary