

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY - AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

Ed LaMontagne, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Youth Room, Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury.

Present:, Victor Bible, Kathie Fallon, Mona Herman, Michael Jennings, Mary Ellen Long, Marvin Koff, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Mary Lou Patrina, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Diana Yeisley, Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Coordinator Liaison), Cheryl Cook (Board of Selectmen Liaison)

Excused: Grace Comeau, Arlene Zappile, Ron Zappile

Absent: Nate Picarelli-Kombert (Student Liaison), John Romano (Veterans' Liaison)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: None

GUEST:

State Representative John Hampton. Rep Hampton requested input for issues for the next legislative session in regards to aging and disability issues. Commission members brought forth some issues and will e-mail Rep Hampton with additional concerns. Mr. LaMontagne reported that Representative Hampton received an award from the ARC of CT in honor of Peg Dignatti

Elena Petrenko from Direct Link Home Care also attended as a guest.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The meeting minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Dr. Koff and seconded by Mr. Orenstein. Motion carried.

PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

➤ **Souper Tuesday**

Mr. LaMontagne thanked the members of the commission who attended the event and assisted with serving. There were 77 attendees at the Souper, which was sponsored by The First Church of Christ. Mr. LaMontagne distributed the fiscal report for Souper Tuesday revenue and expenses. There is a current balance of \$2,782.56 however two invoices are still pending for Oct and Nov.

BOS LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Cook reported that the town has received a "Silver" level designation from the League of American Bicyclists. The town joins more than 325 communities across the country in receiving this designation. She also reported that the town finances have been reviewed and are in good standing.

VETERANS' LIAISON REPORT

No report

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

On November 19th St. Mary's Church will be holding their annual luncheon for seniors. Two hundred seniors will be attending the event. The Senior Center has a monthly foot care program for seniors. Cost is \$29.00 and appointments need to be made.. On December 11th there will be a catered luncheon with entertainment by the Intonations Chorale Group. The Senior Center has a new bocce court on the south side of Eno Memorial Hall.

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OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Senior/Community Center Update**

The Public Building Committee submitted a report to the BOS last Monday regarding the parking lot on Iron Horse Blvd, which is currently owned by the State. Several individuals spoke during public audience about the proposed site. After discussion the Selectmen voted to explore with the State of Connecticut the public use of that site owned by them and to address the process of ECD, consideration of the Charrette process, public/private partnership, cost and size of senior center, use of Eno, timeframe, etc. Mr. LaMontagne will attend the Public Building Committee meeting on December 2nd.

➤ **Polling Station Accessibility**

Mr. LaMontagne and Ms. Veith reported on voting accessibility at Henry James Middle School, Tootin Hills School and Tariffville School. Overall, there were no major issues with regard to accessibility.

➤ **Other**

- Mr. LaMontagne distributed the Aging and Disability Commission financial report.
- Ms Veith reported that State legislation regarding notification of observation vs Inpatient Level of Care for acute care has been enacted.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Nominating Committee**

Mary Ellen Long was asked to chair the nominating committee and she agreed to do so. She will file a report at the January Commission meeting.

➤ **2015 Meeting Dates**

The 2015 meeting dates were presented for consideration by commission members. A motion was made to accept and was seconded. Motion carried.

➤ **Reappointments**

Eight commissioners have terms that expire January 1, 2015. Charlotte Steptoe, Ron Zappile and Kathy Fallon have decided not to continue as members of the commission. Three alternate commissioners have expressed a desire to move up to regular positions on the commission.

➤ **Position Statements**

Mr. LaMontagne stated he will be sending out articles of interest to local media.

➤ **Other**

No other new business was conducted.

CORRESPONDENCE

- An email was received from JoAnn Martin at Town Hall regarding a new procedure for the filing of meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Patrino to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koff and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January, 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn R. Veith
Clerk