

Town of Simsbury

Aging and Disability Commission

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
Eno Memorial Hall, Simsbury, CT

Meeting Minutes

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, Grace Comeau, Kathie Fallon, Michael Jennings, Marvin Koff, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Diana Yaisley, Ron Zappile, Cheryl Cook (Board of Selectmen Liaison)

Excused: Mary Ellen Long, Mona Herman, Mary Lou Patrina, Arlene Zappile, Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Coordinator Liaison)

Absent: Nate Picarelli-Kombert (student liaison), John Romano (veteran's liaison)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: None

GUESTS: Jake Bompasore, Administrator, Cherry Brook Health Center

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The meeting minutes of September 16, 2014 were approved

PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Souper Tuesday

Ms. Comeau reported that the Simsbury-Granby Rotary Club was this month's sponsor and assisted with serving. There were 12 no shows, which is the most no shows we have had. There is no apparent reason for this number of no shows. The First Church of Christ will sponsor the November event. The fashion show was cancelled for the October event due to illness of one of the organizers. The plan is to reschedule the Fashion Show for the May Souper Tuesday.

Mr. LaMontagne reported that there will be an update of the financial status at the next meeting.

BOS LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Cook reported that 80 residents signed up for Solarize Simsbury and that program has now concluded.

The Simsbury Scoop will be an electronic newsletter put out by the town on the near future. There will be a Halloween Party at the Library on Oct. 30 from 6:00 -7:00 p.m .

A Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on November 1st at 8:00 a.m. at 66 Town Forest Road.

The Keep Simsbury Warm and Food Bank received donations from the Archdiocese.

CNG shared materials on the expansion of natural gas lines in Simsbury. Residents can check on the Town website to see if their neighborhood is eligible.

VETERANS' LIAISON REPORT

No report was provided due to the absence of the liaison.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Mr. LaMontagne provided the following report in the absence of Ms. Marschall:
A Veteran's Appreciation luncheon was held on September 30th to honor veterans. Over 100 people attended.

12 students from Westminster School prepared lunch for 45 seniors as part of their Community Give Back Program

The Senior Center will have a Monday Supper on October 27th at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 and includes a choice of beef or turkey chili.

Medicare open enrollment begins October 15th through December 7th. Plan information is available on the Medicare.gov site and counselors will be available at the Senior Center by appointment.

OLD BUSINESS

➤ Senior/Community Center Update

The planning for a new senior/community center is in the hands of the Public Building Committee. Mr. LaMontagne stated that the committee is focusing on two sites: Drake Hill Road site (between Iron Horse Blvd. and the treatment plant) and the State of Connecticut DOT property (west side of Iron Horse Blvd. between Mall Way and Phelps Street). There are issues pending with both of these locations, which are being reviewed by the Town Engineer.

➤ Picnic In The Park - Discussion

After a discussion between Commission members it was decided that this event should continue. Due to the amount of work needed to put this event on it was decided that a committee be established to coordinate the activities. Ms. Yeisley volunteered to chair the committee for this event.

➤ Citizen Service Award

After a discussion between Commission members, regarding the continuation of the citizen service awards, it was determined that the Commission suspend the awards at this time and review the program at a later date.

➤ Other

Mr. LaMontagne reported that Ojakian Commons Housing has begun to receive applications and the response has been excellent.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ Simsbury VFW:

Mr. Jennings reported that Carrie Cramer and Mr. Jennings made a presentation on brain injuries at the September VFW meeting. They educated the attendees on the services of the BIAC.

➤ Accessibility Issues:

Mr. LaMontagne reported that he and Mr. Jennings have been working with Simsbury Bank on Hopmeadow Street regarding accessibility issues and handicapped parking.

➤ Position Statements:

Mr. LaMontagne distributed a list of possible position statements he is recommending that the Commission take in order to provide information to the Simsbury community. He also asked Commissioners to provide other possible position statements for discussion at the November meeting.

➤ Other

- The Rotary Club of Simsbury and Granby will be having an adult Costume Party on Friday, October 24th at the Simsbury 1820 House. A portion of the proceeds will go to Autism Speaks.
- On Nov. 13th at 8:15 pm, Ms. Yeisley will give a talk on autism at the Simsbury Library
- Mr. LaMontagne stated that voting will take place on November 4th and Commissioners should be aware of any accessibility issues.
- Mr. LaMontagne stated that the Simsbury Housing Authority will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, November 28th from 4-6 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Dr. Koff to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zappile at 8:37 PM

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November, 18, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Veith

Lynn R. Veith
Clerk