



TOWN OF SIMSBURY

AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2015

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Simsbury Aging and Disability Commission was held on October 20, 2015 at the Youth Room in Eno Memorial Hall 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury.

PRESENT:

Janet Beatty, Victor Bible, Margaret Diachenko, Lorraine Doonan Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mark Orenstein, Lynn Veith, Diana Yeisley, Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Director)

EXCUSED:

Grace Comeau, Mona Martinik, Mary Lou Patrina, Arlene Zappille, Cheryl Cook (BOS Liaison)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ed LaMontagne at 7:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There was no public audience.

BOS LIAISON REPORT:

Ms. Cook was excused from the meeting, therefore no report was provided.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

Ms. Marschall reported that a collaborative program with the Simsbury Public Library will take place on October 27th. The popular Pickle Ball program has been extended to twice a week and will be held at the Farmington Valley YMCA.

PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SOUPER TUESDAY

- October Event
Ms. Long reported for Ms. Comeau and stated that the event held on October 13th was successful. Members from the Lions Club assisted with serving.
- Server Schedule
Commission members will assist with serving in November. The Fashion Show will be held in May and the Tariffville School students will be at the April event.

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- **Financial Report**
Mr. LaMontagne distributed the financial reconciliation report. A donation from the Lions Club of \$400.00 was received tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

- **SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**
Mr. LaMontagne thanked the commission members who attended the meeting with the Senior Center program consultant. The consultant is currently compiling his report. Another potential site for the Senior/Community Center is being considered. The site is the former Andy's supermarket on Hopmeadow Street. It is unclear if Eno would continue to be used as a portion of the Community Center. Mr. Orenstein proposed to the Board of Selectman that the wooded area west of Central School be considered as an option to be evaluated.
- **OJAKIAN COMMONS UPDATE**
Mr. LaMontagne reported the Grand Opening was held on Friday, October 9th. Approximately 60 people attended including the Governor, Commissioner of the Department of Housing, local officials, residents of Ojakian Commons and other interested parties. All of the apartments are currently rented and a waiting list has been established. Some apartments have been designated for money follows the person program.
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN**
Mr. LaMontagne reported on the status of his presentation to the Planning Commission. The vote by the Planning Commissioners was tied and therefore voted down. Mr. LaMontagne proposed presenting to the planning commission again, but simply request that an affordable housing plan be developed.
- **NEW BROCHURE**
A revised copy of the Commission Brochure was reviewed. Dr. Koff proposed that we accept the new brochure with one grammatical change. Ms. Doonan seconded the motion. Ms. Yeisley will work with Ms. Marshall to coordinate the printing of the brochure. It was recommended that the American School for The Deaf be contacted for this purpose. Mr. LaMontagne thanked Ms. Yeisley for all of her hard work in developing the brochure.
- **OTHER**
Mr. Jennings made a request that the handicapped parking awareness brochure be added to the next issue of the Senior Center Communicator.

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NEW BUSINESS

- **INFORMATION GUIDE**

Mr. LaMontagne distributed an Information Guide For Seniors produced by the Aging Commission of the Town of New Hartford. He asked Commission members to review and comment on a prospective brochure for Seniors and those with Disabilities in Simsbury.

- **SPRING SEMINAR**

Ms. Doonan has proposed the development of a seminar which would include informational programs relative to seniors. It was recommended that a small panel of experts be brought in for this purpose.

OTHER

- No other business was conducted at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of September 15, 2015.

Ms. Long made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2015. Dr. Koff seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be read into the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Yeisley and seconded by Ms. Beatty. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall

Submitted by,

Lynn Veith

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Clerk