TOWN OF SIMSBURY

AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2016

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

The regular meeting of the Aging and Disability Commission was held on May 17, 2016 in the Youth Room – ENO Memorial Hall – 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT.

PRESENT

Janet Beatty, Victor Bible, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Susan Krinsky, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mark Orenstein, April Schmidt, Diana Yeisley, Arlene Zappile, and Kathleen Marshall (Senior Center Coordinator)

EXCUSED

Grace Comeau, Lorraine Doonan, Margaret Diachenko, Mona Herman, Mona Martinik and Cheryl Cook (BOS liaison)

GUEST

Lorraine Cardoso of Second Chance Shop, Simsbury

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Edward J. LaMontagne, Chairman, at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Bible, Ms. Krinski, and Ms. Zappile were asked to serve as regular members for this meeing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Cook was absent.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Ms. Marshall noted that Thursday, May 19th is the 3rd annual pancake breakfast at 9 AM at main firehouse; 75 people have signed up. Annual art show at High School next May 25th evening; dinner at 5:30 for seniors. Wonderful volunteer every Thursday offers help with technology; call for appointment for one-on-one help with technology.

PROGRAM REPORTS

* Souper Tuesday
* May 10th event - Mr. LaMontagne offered thanks to Aging and Disability Commission members for serving. Students from Tariffville attended and feedback from attendees was good.
* June 14th event - The Rotary Club will be serving.

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* Fashion Show is scheduled for October 18 and Lorraine Cardoso , Second Chance Shop, will be main contact. Ms. Cardoso said that she and Ms. Yeisley will coordinate the running of the event and said they will meet to address details in June.
* Received donation from Rotary Club of $400 for Souper Tuesday. Ms. Marshall suggests transferring $200 into Souper Tuesday account to cover the year. Social work account will provide $1500 on July 1. Rotary will provide donation again next year.
* Picnic In The Park - Ms. Yeisley announced it is scheduled for August 27, 2016 at St. Catherine of Siena. Ice cream truck, musician, and magician booked again for this year. Carnival popcorn machine will be provided by Ms. Yeisley. Ms. Yeisley will work with Mr. LaMontagne to ensure the all group homes from Simsbury are invited. All food donated. Ms. Yeisley created flyer for distribution. Ms. Yeisley will ensure event is posted on SCTV. Ms. Marshall will check to see if insurance still in force or if the church will want new form.

OLD BUSINESS

* **Senior/Community Center Update:** Mr. LaMontagne went to Public Building Committee meeting and learned that Performing Arts Center (PAC) is still involved in the process. Meeting of Public Building Committee, PAC, Board of Selectmen, and Aging and Disability Commission to be determined. Mr. LaMontagne suggests that the Commission write a letter stating that the Senior/Community Center NOT be connected to existing PAC. Dr. Koff made a motion that the Commission send a letter prior to the meeting stating that the Aging and Disability Commission is opposed to building a senior/community center attached to the existing PAC. Ms. Yeisley seconded the motion. All members voted to agree.
* **Fall Seminar Update:** Mr. Bible reported on progress of the fall seminar “Live Longer, Live Stronger.” Three speakers have been contacted for the fall seminar, and it will be hosted by the Simsbury Library, the Senior Center, and the Aging and Disability Commission. Promotion will begin in July that will include SCTV and posters. Mr. Orenstein suggested that permission to video be obtained from speakers for SCTV. Ms. Schmidt suggested that one poster have information for all three speakers.
* **Other:** June 14th will be the Spring Forum at 1:00 PM in the Old Court Room, Eno Hall; it will be an open forum for comments about the level of services the town offers as well as what additional services are desired. Mr. LaMontagne invited commission members to attend and will publicize. Ms. Yeisley wants to be sure that disability portion of audience is also included in the forum. Mr. LaMontagne suggested that Fall Forum, beginning of October, would focus exclusively on disability voice of community.

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* Discussion about having an Aging and Disability email address for public responses; Ms. Marshall will check to see if town must approve.

NEW BUSINESS

* Handicapped Parking Sign Legislation: House Bill 5050 has passed and is waiting for governor’s signature; signs will be updated by attrition.
* New Member: Susan Krinsky was welcomed to the Commission. Mr. Bible requested that a list of Commission members be distributed.
* Other: Request for proclamation to make June Handicapped Parking Awareness Month is in front of the Board of Selectmen on May 23 at 6 PM. General agreement among Commission members that recognition/respect of handicapped parking spaces has not improved in the town over the years. Mr. LaMontagne will ask SCTV to air videos over the month.
* BOS are now asking boards and commissions to come before them to explain what commission does. Mr. LaMontagne will do that in September.
* Mona Herman will be resigning as of July 1.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting OF April 19, 2016

Ms. Yeisley moved to accept with corrections. Dr. Koff seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Koff moved to adjourn at 8:13 PM and Ms. Long seconded.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall**

Submitted by

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Clerk