

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2015
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Simsbury aging and Disability Commission was held on November 17, 2016 in the Youth Room in Eno Memorial Hall, 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT.

PRESENT:

Victor Bible, Margaret Diachenko, Lorraine Doonan, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Lynn Veith, Diana Yeisley, Arlene Zappile, Cheryl Cook (BOS Liaison), Kathleen Marshall (Senior Center Coordinator)

EXCUSED:

Janet Beatty, Grace Comeau, Mary Lou Patrina

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Edward J. LaMontagne, Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There was no public audience present.

BOS LIAISON REPORT

Cheryl Cook, Board of Selectman Liaison, provided a brief update on upcoming events and important issues concerning the Town of Simsbury.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Kathleen Marshall, Senior Center Coordinator, reported on upcoming events at the Senior Center.

PROGRAM/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Souper Tuesday

- November Event
Ms. Long reported for Ms. Comeau and stated that the event held on November 10th was successful. Members from the Aging and Disability Commission assisted with serving.
- Financials
As of this date the revenue stands at \$1,834.06 with expenses at \$544.16. The ending balance is \$1,289.90.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Senior/Community Center Update**
Lisa Heavner, First Selectman, said she received a letter from Chestnut Hill (Old Webster Bank property) withdrawing from consideration; therefore, the Performing Arts Center and Andy's Market space are still up for consideration. The Program Report, developed by the Fordham University consultant, is still pending.

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- **Information Guide**

Last month Mr. LaMontagne distributed a copy of an Information Guide for Seniors produced by the Aging Commission of the Town of New Hartford. Further discussion was held with regard to the applicability this guide would have for the seniors in Simsbury and whether or not this should be a project of the Aging and Disability Commission. Commission members indicated that this project would be beneficial. Mr. LaMontagne stated that a committee would need to be formed and funding would need to be located for the production and mailing costs. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

- **Spring Seminar**

Ms. Doonan and Mr. Bible updated the Commission on plans for a Spring Seminar. Discussed was a panel presentation which would address current concerns facing seniors and their family members. Ms. Doonan and Mr. Bible will keep the commission update on their progress.

- **New Brochure Status**

Ms. Yeisley distributed the final draft of the Aging and Disability Commission brochure. After review it was decided that we can go ahead with the printing. Ms. Yeisley was thanked for all of her efforts with the new brochure development.

- **Other**

Discussion was held with regard to the accessibility of polling places during the election on November 3rd. Commission members indicated that the polling places visited did have plans in place to assist individuals with disabilities as well as older citizens.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2016 Calendar of Meetings**

Mr. LaMontagne presented a proposed list of meeting dates for 2016. A motion was made to accept the 2016 meeting dates by Dr. Koff and seconded by Ms. Long. All members voted in favor.

- **Appointment of Nominating Committee**

Mr. LaMontagne appointed Ms. Long to Chair the Nominating Committee for the Commission's 2016 Officers. She will report on the committees proposed slate of officers at the January 19th meeting.

- **Resignation**

Mary Lou Patrino has submitted her resignation from the Aging and Disability Commission effective November 1st.

- **Other**

Ms. Veith announced that she will be resigning from the Aging and Disability Commission at the end of the year. She was thanked for her twelve years of service to the Commission.

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OTHER

No other business was conducted at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of October 20, 2015.

Ms. Long made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2015. Ms. Yeisley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be read into the meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Koff and seconded by Ms. Zappile. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, Eno Memorial Hall.

Submitted by,

Lynn Veith

Lynn Veith
Clerk