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Town of Simsbury
Aging and Disability Commission

Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2012

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

Present: Edward LaMontagne, Victor Bible, Grace Comeau, Kathie Fallon, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Arpit Dave, (Student Liaison), Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator), John Hampton, (Board of Selectmen Liaison), Joe Loewy, (Simsbury Housing Authority)

Excused: Marvin Koff, Mark Orenstein, Ron Zappile, Arlene Zappile, Carrie Kramer, Peggy Shanks

Public Audience: None

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from January 17, 2012 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections. Minutes of this meeting were taken by Kathy Fallon.

PROGRAM/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Relations:

- o Mr. Bible sent the nomination form and announcement to the town to be placed on the website. He also sent the same to eight media outlets. He has also submitted the information to SCTV.

Citizen Service Award:

- o Ms Fallon and Ms. Zappile completed the final revisions of the nomination forms. They are reaching out to community agencies to elicit nominations. Due date for nominations is April 1, 2012.
- o Ms. Fallon has coordinated with the BOS to be placed first on the agenda for a May 30th Board of Selectman meeting at Town Hall at 7:00 with a reception to follow.

Souper Tuesday

o The next Souper is scheduled for March 20, with others to follow in April and May. The following organizations have sponsored this season's Souper Tuesday Programs: Sept. 2011: Civitan Club, Oct. 2011: Lions Club, Nov 2011: Simsbury United Methodist Church, March 2012: First Church of Christ. The Jr. Woman's Club provides desserts for the Souper Tuesday events.

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Picnic In The Park:

o Ms. Steptoe requested input from Commission members regarding continuation of the Picnic In the Park Program. Commissioners agreed that this is a worthwhile program that should be continued and it should continue to be held at St. Catherine's of Siena Church. Ms. Steptoe will be contacting St. Catherine's Church to coordinate a date.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Ms. Marschall reported that she has received several telephone calls from Senior Center attendees happy to see that the Souper Tuesday event will be returning in the spring. She reported that the last senior event at the high school, which included dinner and girls basketball game, was well attended. The Senior Center Intonations (singing group) are looking for new members.

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Dave has a meeting with Mr. Sullivan, high school principal, to start developing the design for the posters for the handicapped parking campaign.

OLD BUSINESS

Handicapped Parking:

o Mr. LaMontagne will be contacting the First Selectman and the Chief of Police in order to coordinate a handicapped parking awareness month in May.

Senior Center Needs Assessment

o Senior Center Visits

Several seniors visited the Senior Centers in Agawam, Enfield, Glastonbury and Lebanon today. Mr. Hampton will coordinate getting the sub-committee together to discuss the results of the visits.

Storm Alfred Follow-up

o Mr. LaMontagne distributed the results of Gov. Malloy's two storm panel report with recommendations for Seniors and persons with disabilities.

o The commission was tasked with contacting the places of worship in Simsbury. The intent is to determine if they have any programs for the parishioners in the event of an event similar to storm Alfred.

Senior Tax Relief Update

o The Senior Tax Relief committee forwarded two options for tax relief to the Board of Finance for their review in March.

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Other

o A group home for women with disabilities has been proposed for Amy Lane. Several neighbors are speaking out against the home being located in their neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS

Simsbury Senior Summit

o Mr. Hampton announced that the Senior Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29th from 1:30-3:00PM at Eno Memorial Hall. A panel of resource experts will present on topics pertinent to seniors. Seniors will be encouraged to ask questions.

North Central Regional Mental Health Board

o The Chrysalis Center in Hartford has hired a staff person, starting next week, to coordinate transportation for social/recreational programs to be held in the Farmington Valley.

o March 6th is the Board's Legislative Breakfast at the LOB.

Other

o Mr. Bible will be presenting a program of "Factors in Eldercare

Planning” on March 6th from 7-8:30 PM through the Department of Continuing Education.

o Ms. Herman shared with the commission members a program “Elder Care Program and Fair at the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation on May 6th

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Mary Ellen Long to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall.

Submitted by,

Lynn Veith

Lynn Veith, Secretary