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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

March 15, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:07p.m.

Present: Victor Bible, Grace Comeau, Kathy Fallon, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Edward LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Arlene Zappile, Ron Zappile, John Hampton (Board of Selectman liaison), Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator)

Ex Officio:
Joe Loewy, Simsbury Housing Authority

Excused: Carrie Kramer, Marvin Koff, Tim Lim (Student liaison)

Public Audience: None

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from February 15, 2011 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Souper Tuesday – Grace Comeau
- A \$500.00 donation was received from United Methodist Church. This donation was facilitated by Joe Loewy. Ms. Comeau provided an update from a meeting regarding the Souper Tuesday process. A few procedural items were identified for serving of beverages, food for volunteers, extra soup and sandwiches. Ms. Comeau requested assistance from available commission members to assist at Souper events in the future. March 22nd and April 12th are the final events for this season.

Citizen Service Award – Lynn Veith
- Mr. LaMontagne submitted press releases to local papers and the Hartford Courant as well as the town web site. Mr. Bible coordinated

announcements on SCTV. Mr. Bible will investigate Simsbury Patch for advertisement. All nominations will be sent to Mr. LaMontagne.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Accessibility - Mike Jennings
- Mr. Jennings shared that he testified at the legislature on behalf of residents with Brain Injury for BIAC. Mr. Jennings was appointed to the Board of BIAC.

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- Public Building Accessibility Review
The last assessment of town buildings was conducted in 1991. Mr. LaMontagne will update the list of buildings and the checklist. Members of the commission will volunteer to evaluate locations and will notify Mr. LaMontagne of the locations. The survey will be completed by August 1st for a presentation to the Board of Selectman in September. Commission members will take still photos for a power point presentation.
- Senior/Community Center Assessment - Mona Martinik/Mark Orenstein
- Mr. Orenstein, Mr. Loewy and Ms. Martinik attended a recent Public Building sub-committee meeting. They shared the evaluation process for selecting an architectural company to complete a senior center assessment. Two architectural firms have been selected, but a final decision has yet to be made.
- Ms. Martinik sent an e-mail to Mr. Roy for minor adaptations to the bathrooms at Eno, which would include grab bars.
- Public Relations - Vic Bible
- Mr. Bible suggested the commission develop opportunities for programs on SCTV.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT - Kathleen Marschall, Senior Center Coordinator

Ms. Marschall reported that they are looking for volunteers to speak at the high school to share their experiences in growing up. The painting group will have an opening reception on March 28th from 4-6 pm at Eno. A woodcarving group was started.

REPORT FROM STUDENT LIAISON - Tim Lim
No report, excused

OLD BUSINESS

Simsbury Farms Capitol Improvement

- Mr. LaMontagne reported on the Board of Finance public hearing held on March 8th regarding the renovations to Simsbury Farms and golf course. The capital improvement plan will be going through to a referendum in May.

Senior Outreach

- The next committee meeting is scheduled for April. The program has gone well thus far and will be evaluated. The Housing Authority and the Henry James Memorial School have developed an excellent partnership. The Senior Passes to school events have also been very successful

Other Business

- None

NEW BUSINESS

Picnic in the Park

- Ms. Steptoe discussed the date options for the event. First choice is Sept. 10th. Ms. Steptoe will contact St. Catherine of Siena Church, obtain the insurance form and contract with the band. She also asked for suggestions for the event planning.

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Sub Committee Reorganization

- Mr. LaMontagne shared the current list of Sub-Committees. He asked the commission members to review the existing subcommittees for continuation, revision or establishment of new committees. He also asked members to review the 2011 Plan of Action as well as to review committee membership assignments. This will be discussed at next month's meeting. Activities regarding Souper Tuesday and Picnic in the Park need to be added to the Plan of Action.

Legislative Agenda

- Mr. LaMontagne shared information on an act concerning persons residing in Elderly Housing and Members of Senior Centers. The act proposes a bill of rights. He also shared a new House bill requiring public hearing for future group homes.
- Mr. Lowey also discussed a Senate bill regarding a comprehensive background check for health aides and companions.

Correspondence

- Mr. LaMontagne shared that several Commission members have been reappointed. And need to be sworn in.
- The Commission on accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies will be in Simsbury April 16th -19th to examine all aspects of the Simsbury Police Dept. The public may testify on 4/18.

Other Business

- The next regular meeting of the Aging and Disability Commission is April 19th, however that date is a religious holiday. A motion was made and approved to move the meeting to April 26th.
- Mr. Loewy announced that Mr. Ron Zappile has been appointed as a Commissioner for the Simsbury Housing Authority.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Steptoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zappile seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: April 26, 2011, TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Veith

Lynn R. Veith
Clerk