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Town of Simsbury
Aging and Disability Commission

Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2012

Chairperson Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, Marvin Koff, Mary Ellen Long, Mark Orenstein, Lynn Veith, Ron Zappile, Arlene Zappile, Arpit Dave, (Student Liaison), Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator), Joe Loewy, (Simsbury Housing Authority)

Excused: Mona Martinik, Carrie Kramer, Peggy Shanks, Charlotte Steptoe, John Hampton, (Board of Selectmen Liaison)

Arlene Zappile and Mark Orenstein (alternates) were asked to sit in as voting members for this meeting.

Public Audience: Ms. Lorraine Doonan

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from March 20, 2012 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections. Minutes of this meeting were taken by Peggy Shanks.

PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Citizen Service Award:

Ms Fallon reported that she had received 6 nominations for the award. She read the nominations after which a discussion and vote was held and a nominee identified. Ms. Fallon will contact the nominee and the nominators to inform them of the Commission's decision. The award will be presented at the BOS meeting on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00 pm at Town Hall with a reception to follow in the Probate Court office.

Souper Tuesday:

46 students and 2 teachers from Tarrifville School attended the April

Souper Tuesday event with the Civitan Club serving the meal. 65 seniors attended and participated in reading with the students. The Rotary Club will serve at the next Souper Tuesday event in May.

Mr. LaMontagne reviewed the financial reconciliation for the Souper Tuesday event. The ending balance will cover the Souper Tuesday for the month of May.

Mr. LaMontagne reported that the Woman's Club donated \$100.00 to the Souper Tuesday program. Mr. Bible represented the Commission at the luncheon where the presentation was made.

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Picnic In The Park
Due to the absence of Ms. Steptoe no report was available.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Ms. Marschall reported that the Woman's Club made a donation to Keep Simsbury Warm as well as the Senior Center. Shelter Operation Training will be held on April 24th at the Senior Center. The Tax Preparation Program has just ended. Many people accessed this program, which is open to non-citizens as well as non-seniors.

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

Arpit reported that he has been working with the Digital Animation class to develop a poster for Handicapped Parking Awareness Month.

OLD BUSINESS

Handicapped Parking Awareness
Mr. LaMontagne reported that the Board of Selectman have designated the month of June as Handicapped Awareness Month.

Public Relations: A tag line has been identified.

Letter to DMV: Ms. Zappile has been in contact with State Rep. Schofield for a contact at the DMV. Mr. Jennings shared a draft of a letter to be sent to the Commissioner of DMV with copies to Attorney General Jepsen, State Rep. Linda Schofield, State Senator Kevin Witkos, First Selectman Mary Glassman and Chief of Police Peter Ingvertson.

Mr. Bible will send an e-mail to Charity Folk, Executive Director of the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce, requesting she send an email blast to member

businesses regarding June being designated Handicapped Parking Awareness month.

Senior Center Study

Senior Center visits made by representatives of the Public Building Sub-Committee were reviewed. The group visited four Senior Centers.

Several commission members attended the Public Building Sub Committee meeting. Mr. Orenstein and Mr. Zappile reported on the results of the meeting and next steps.

Potential sites for a new Senior Center were reviewed.

Simsbury Senior Summit

Will be held at 1:30 p.m. on May 15th in the Auditorium at Eno Hall

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Eagle Scout Project Update:

Mr. LaMontagne updated the Commissioners on the status of the Vial for Life Eagle Scout project. To date he has obtained 180 Vials from UCONN and has met with residents at Powder Forest. Ms. Herman suggested he attend the Senior Day on May 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

North Central Regional Mental Health Board Update

The NCRMHB has asked the town representatives to gather information regarding transportation in the towns the serve. The National Alliance of Mental Illness is holding an education program with a presentation by Alicia Woodsby, Deputy Executive Director Partnership for Strong Communities

2012 MS Walk

The walk will be held on Sunday, April 22nd beginning at Westminster School.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Orenstein made motion to adjourn the meeting and

it was seconded by Ms. Zappile. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Aging and Disability Commission will be Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7p.m. in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Veith

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Clerk