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TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

April 26, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Program Room at the Simsbury Public Library, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:00p.m.

Present: Victor Bible, Grace Comeau, Kathy Fallon, Marvin Koff, Edward LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Arlene Zappile, Ron Zappile, John Hampton (Board of Selectman liaison), Tim Lim (Student liaison), Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator)

Ex Officio:  
Joe Loewy, Simsbury Housing Authority

Excused: Carrie Kramer, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith

Public Audience: None

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

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Souper Tuesday – Grace Comeau
- There were fourteen no shows for the March Souper Tuesday event, otherwise the event went well.
  - The April event included students from Tarifville School. Approximately 75 individuals attended the program including 29 students.
  - A check was received from the Simsbury Woman's Club in the amount of \$200.00.
  - A check was also received from the CIVITAN Club of Simsbury and the Farmington Valley in the amount of \$450.00.
  - A copy of the Souper Tuesday Luncheon balance sheet was

distributed. As of this date there is a balance of \$1,538.83 in the Souper Tuesday account.

Citizen Service Award

- Mr. LaMontagne received six nominations, three of which were for the same individual. Ms. Lina Wagner was selected for the Senior Service award.

- The award will be presented at the May 9th Board of Selectman meeting. A reception will follow.

Picnic in the Park

- Due to a potential conflict with the church on September 10th alternate dates were discussed. It was decided that September 17th would be an alternate date followed by August 27th.

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SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility

- A revised copy of the Building Evaluation for ADA Compliance was distributed and reviewed.

- The ADA Checklist was also reviewed with several changes being recommended.

- The building evaluation spreadsheet was passed among commissioners for them to sign up to evaluate town buildings.

- It was recommended that Mr. LaMontagne contact the Superintendent of Schools and town officials to inform them that the evaluation will be taking place.

Senior/Community Center Assessment – Mona Martinik

- An article from the April 20th edition of the Simsbury News was distributed. At a Board of Selectman meeting on April 11th a representative from the Main Street Partnership read from a memorandum that advocated for keeping the senior center at Eno Memorial Hall.

- The town has hired a consultant to assess space and facility requirements for renovation and additions to Eno as well as to determine if other sites should be studied.

- It was recommended that the Commission educate the Board of Finance regarding the recommendations for the senior center as a result of the Commissions survey which was completed in 2009.

- Ms. Martinik stated that individuals are parking in the “cut out” in front of Eno. She will contact Tom Roy to request that stripes be painted in this area and no parking signs be installed.

Public Relations – Vic Bible

- Mr. Bible is investigating program opportunities for SCTV.
- He is also investigating utilizing the Simsbury Patch for program information.

#### SENIOR CENTER REPORT – Kathleen Marschall, Senior Center Coordinator

- Ms. Marschall reported that the reporter from the Hartford Courant has been reaching out to the Senior Center for information.
- A concert with the high school choir and the Intonations is in the planning stages.
- An art exhibit of paintings by seniors was on display at the Senior Center the last week of March.
- A Volunteer Recognition will be held on Friday, April 29th at the Hoyt Cinemas in Simsbury.
- A letter was received from Aging My Way, formally West of Hartford at Home, indicating that they are closing their doors effective May 31, 2011 due to their not having enough memberships to meet their goals and financial plan.

#### REPORT FROM STUDENT LIAISON – Tim Lim

- There was a good turnout for the Harlem Globetrotters, however only five seniors attended.
- A town wide orchestra festival will be held at the high school on April 30th
- The Home Economics teacher at the high school is planning a “bake off” event with other high schools in the Farmington Valley.
- Mr. Lim will attempt to secure volunteers for the Picnic in the Park event.

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#### OLD BUSINESS

- Senior Outreach
  - The committee meeting scheduled for April was cancelled.
  - Seniors are invited to attend the women’s lacrosse game at the high school on May 4th at 4:30 p.m.
  - A concert and dinner will be held at Eno Memorial Hall on May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The fee is \$2.00.
- Sub Committee Reorganization
  - Mr. LaMontagne shared the current list of Program and Sub-Committees. It was recommended that we maintain the following program committees: Citizen Service Award, Souper Tuesday and Picnic in the Park. It was also recommended that we keep the following sub-committees: Accessibility, Public Relations and Senior/Community Center. The following will be discontinued: Disability Needs Assessment, Housing and Tax Relief.

Transportation will be added as a new sub-committee.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### New Commission Member

- Mr. LaMontagne announced that Ms. Peggy Shanks was appointed by the Board of Selectman to fill an alternate position on the Commission. The Commission now has a full membership.

##### Meeting with ITN

- Mr. LaMontagne announced that he is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Independent Transportation Network of North Central CT to discuss possibilities of providing their services in Simsbury.

##### Legislative Agenda

- Mr. Loewy stated that the criminal background law for home care aides is moving forward.
- SB 139, which is a bill of rights for seniors, had an attachment placed on it regarding provision of enclosed and heated areas for smokers.

##### Correspondence

- Mr. LaMontagne shared a notice of a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at Simsbury High School. The town referendum will be held on May 17th.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bible seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: May 17, 2011, Youth Room Eno Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Veith  
Lynn R. Veith  
Clerk