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Town of Simsbury
Aging and Disability Commission

Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2012

Chairperson Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Youth Room of Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

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

Excused: Mary Ellen Long, Carrie Kramer, Peggy Shanks, Mona Herman, Arlene Zappile

Public Audience: Pat Cowles and Victoria Garden Eden both of Simsbury.

Pat Cowles stated that she feels there is a need for senior housing in the center of town so residents who do not drive would have access to many facilities. She stated that the current housing is not convenient to center facilities/stores. She also stated that this should be the town's first priority versus a new senior center.

Victoria has a senior support business. She posed several questions about the legality of building accessibility both public and private.

Invited Guest: Lieutenant Sifodaskalakis, Operational Commander for the Town of Simsbury Police Department.

The Board of Selectman has designated the month of June as Handicapped Parking Awareness Month in the Town of Simsbury. The Commission had asked a representative from the police department to attend tonight commission meeting to discuss what steps would be taken to increase handicapped parking during the month of June. Lt. Sifodaskalakis stated that the police have done almost 2000 sweeps this past year and will continue to do so during the month of June. The commission will take the responsibility for

publicity and awareness. Several options were discussed for publicity and enforcement.

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from April 17, 2012 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections.

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PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Citizen Service Award: Ms Fallon reported that she contacted the two award recipients to notify them of the award. The presentation will be made at the Board of Selectman meeting on May 30th at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Probate Court office.

Souper Tuesday: Ms. Comeau reported that it was super. The Rotary Club and the Woman's Club served. Approximately 80 people attended. A recommendation was made to add a seventh Souper Tuesday to next year. This will be addressed at a future meeting. Mr. LaMontagne shared that we have just received a check in the amount of \$375.00 from the Civitan Club. The end of year event reconciliation was presented and reviewed.

Picnic In The Park: Ms. Steptoe reported that the proposed date of August 25, 2012 remains tentative. The location will remain at St. Catherine of Sienna's Church in West Simsbury. Ms. Steptoe is working on a new flyer as well as securing the musical group. There is approximately \$400 remaining in the commission fund in this FY budget and it was recommended that we use some of those dollars for Picnic in the Park expenses,

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Ms. Marschall reported that there will be a Senior Showcase on May 31st from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. She also stated that the Eno Auditorium has been repainted.

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Dave reported shared the draft of the posters for Handicapped Parking Awareness month. He will coordinate the printing and bring them to the Senior Center. Commission members will assist with distribution. They should be ready for distribution on Friday, May 25.

OLD BUSINESS

- Handicapped Parking
- Awareness Month

- Public Relations

These items were discussed at various points throughout the agenda.

- Letter to DMV

Mr. Jennings stated he received a letter from the DMV Commissioner which stated that the driving schools make the changes to the driving regulations.

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Senior Center Study:

The architects are looking at the 4-5 sites for the development of a new senior center with a report to be given in June to the Building Committee and eventually the BOS.

Simsbury Senior Summit

The summit was held earlier this date after the Souper Tuesday event. Mr. Bible shared questions and comments that were given from the audience. Mr. Hampton reported that approximately 65-70 people attended. Several commission members also attended the event.

Other: There was no other business noted.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Tax Relief Ordinance: Mr. LaMontagne distributed a copy of the new ordinance regarding senior tax relief. There were 60 new applications this year.

North Central Regional Mental Health Board Update. Mr. LaMontagne updated the commission members on the results of a report which indicated urgent needs, obstacles and barriers and ways to improve services.

Other: May is Older American's Month. Mr. LaMontagne distributed a list of interesting statistics regarding older Americans.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was received.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business reported.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Martinik to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Aging and Disability Commission will be Tuesday, June 18, 2012 at 7p.m. in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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