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Town of Simsbury
Aging and Disability Commission

Meeting Minutes
June 19, 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, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Mary Ellen Long, Peggy Shanks, Charlotte Steptoe, Arlene Zappile, Ron Zappile, Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator), Joe Loewy, (Simsbury Housing Authority)

Excused: Carrie Kramer, Mona Martinik, Lynn Veith, Mark Orenstein, Arpit Dave, John Hampton (BOS Liaison)

Public Audience: None

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from May 15, 2012 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections.

PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Citizen Service Award: Ms Fallon reported that the two recipients, Megan Lucker and Dan Carr were delighted with the awards and the ceremony. She thanked all who baked and helped with the set-up and clean-up. Letters were sent to all who submitted nominations to thank them for their time.
- Souper Tuesday: Ms. Comeau reported that an additional Souper has been scheduled for the coming year. The dates are: 9/12, 10/9, 11/13, 3/12, 4/9 (tentative), 5/14 and 6/11. A motion was made by Arlene Zappile and seconded by Mary Ellen Long to accept the proposed dates including the addition of the 7th luncheon.
- Picnic In The Park: Ms. Steptoe reported that the August 25, 2012 has been confirmed with St. Catherine of Siena Church and the Sponge Pummels have agreed to perform. The Commission members reviewed the list of invitees and the flyer for the event. We will not be able to prepay expenses such as the insurance and all event expenses will be expensed in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Mr. Bible will put the notice of the event on

the Town website. Donated food will be supplemented with purchases from Kane's. A discussion of a contract for the band was held and Ms. Marschall will work with Ms. Steptoe to draft the contract specifying things such as cancellation. Reminders of promised contributions/help will be e-mailed prior to the event.

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SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Ms. Marschall reported that art show at the high school was attended by 45 seniors with a dinner hosted by 15 of the students. Mary Riek will be retiring after 13 years with the Senior Center. A drop-in reception will be held July 24th from 10am to 2pm. The Senior Showcase had over 200 attendees and the 39 vendors were pleased with the event.

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

No report due to the student liaison being excused from this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Handicapped Parking Awareness

- Awareness Month – Continuing throughout the month of June
- Public Relations - Mr. Bible reported that information has been provided to all media and it has appeared in the Courant, and Patch as well as being sent out to Chamber members. Mr. Bible and Mr. Jennings have taped a presentation for SCTV, which will appear on air for at least 2 weeks. In addition, the Courant has interviewed Mike Jennings for an article in handicapped parking issues.
- Continuing parking issues at Drake Hill Mall were discussed. Commission members were urged to continue their awareness of handicapped parking issues.

Senior Center Study:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Tax Relief Ordinance: Mr. LaMontagne reported that there has been an increase in applications, from 225 to approximately 300 for this year. He will continue to monitor for final numbers.

End of Year Financials: Mr. LaMontagne reviewed the FY2012 report and indicated that the Commission will be returning \$451 to the Town in unspent funds.

Special Recognition: Mr. LaMontagne presented a Special Recognition Award to Joe Loewy honoring his time on the commission as the

liaison representing the Simsbury Housing Authority. Mr. Loewy will be retiring to New Mexico and this was his last Commission meeting. He will be sorely missed.

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Other: Cooling Centers will be open at Eno and the library on June 20th and 21st because of the heat. Social Services is looking into the Triad formed in Canton to ascertain if a similar program would be applicable in Simsbury.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OTHER BUSINESS: There will not be a meeting in July or August.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Zappile 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, Sept. 18, 2012 at 7p.m. in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Fallon