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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
July 21, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Old Court Room at Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Carrie Kramer, Kathy Fallon, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Charlotte Steptoe, Ann Walters-Thompson, Arlene Zappile, Rich Hogan (BOS Liaison), Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Coordinator), Joe Lowey (Ex-officio member)

Excused: Tom Doran, Mark Orenstein, Lynn Veith, Grace Comeau, Marvin Koff
Mona Martinik

Absent: None

Public Audience: None

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: The meeting minutes from June 16, 2009 were reviewed. Ms. Long made a motion to accept the minutes with spelling and grammatical corrections. Ms. Steptoe seconded. All voted in favor.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Picnic in the Park Update - Charlotte Steptoe

Ms. Steptoe stated that we are all set for the event on Saturday August 8th at St. Catherine of Siena Church in West Simsbury. The town will provide most of the non-food items with Commission members supplying some of the food items. Kane's Market has been informed of the date and they will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and three grills. To date, we have heard from two group homes. Ms. Steptoe asked Commission members to arrive

between 10:00 and 10:30 to assist with set-up.

Disability Needs Assessment

Discussion was held regarding the Disability Needs Assessment. Because of a request from the town to conduct the Senior Center Survey first, prior to the Town Center Charrette, it was recommended that we hold off until October to distribute the Disability Needs Assessment Survey. Mr. Hogan stated that October may be a better time because schools will be in session and he will put the survey on the BOE list serve. It was agreed by all to wait until October to distribute the survey.

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Senior/Community Center Assessment

Mr. LaMontagne stated that there has been a request from the town for the Commission to distribute the Senior Center Survey prior to the Town Center Charrett in September. Copies of the surveys were previously sent to Commissioner's electronically for their review. Mr. LaMontagne will arrange to have copies made of the survey and send out press releases as well as including it on the town web site. Ms. Marschall stated she could include the survey in the next edition of the Senior Communicator. It was agreed that the surveys should be returned by Thursday, September 10th.

Accessibility

Discussion took place with regard to the list of town buildings and business throughout town that Ms. Walters-Thompson identified as being non-accessible. Going forward it was determined that the accessibility project could be initiated this fall, however it was recommended that we concentrate initially on town owned properties/facilities. All concurred with this recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: September 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. LaMontagne
Chairman