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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2011

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Youth Room, of Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Victor Bible, Kathy Fallon, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Edward LaMontagne, Mark Orenstein, Peggy Shanks, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Arlene Zappile, Ron Zappile, Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator), John Hampton (Board of Selectman liaison)

Excused: Grace Comeau, Carrie Kramer, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Arpit Dave (Student liaison), Joe Loewy (Simsbury Housing Authority)

Guests: Nancy Haase, Selectman. Ms. Hasse informed the members of a drive to collect unused/deactivated cell phones for seniors and collection dates of November 19 and November 26 at Fitzgerald's and Starbucks. Cell phones can also be dropped off at Social Services.

Public Audience: None

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from October 18, 2011 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections.

PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Souper Tuesday

The Souper Tuesday event was held today and was well attended. Music was provided by Margie Gardow. The schedule for next year will continue to be held on the second Tuesday during the months of March, April, May, Sept, Oct, and November. Mr. LaMontagne reviewed the financial reconciliation at this time. He will be mailing out letters to request donations after the first of the year.

Public Relations

No new updates

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

The Senior Center was closed the week of October 31st due to storm Alfred. November 16th is the St Mary's School Thanksgiving luncheon. Jack Bannon's Turkey Trot is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th at Fitzgeralds. Senior Citizen Night at Simsbury High School will be held on Friday, December 9th starting at 6:00 p.m. A concert by the Simsbury High School Jazz Band will follow dinner.

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Selectman Hampton, thanked Ms. Marschall and Mickey Lecours-Beck for the exceptional work they did running the shelter during storm Alfred.

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT: No report, Arpit Dave excused.

OLD BUSINESS

Handicapped Parking Issues

Mr. LaMontagne summarized a report of 2010 prepared for the Transportation Committee Connecticut General Assembly by the Department of Motor Vehicles. He shared recommendations from the report. Mr. Jennings shared an article he wrote regarding handicapped parking issues he has experienced. Mr. Bible and Mr. Jennings will collaborate on pursuing revising the message for publication in local media.

Selectman Hampton will contact the Simsbury Police Chief to set up a meeting to discuss handicapped parking issues.

Accessibility Study

Due to the extensiveness of the study it remains in process.

Senior Center Needs Assessment

Mr. LaMontagne reported that the Senior Center Sub Committee of the Public Building committee met on November 10th. The Commission was represented by Mr. Loewy and Ms. Marschall. The building committee will be visiting several other Senior Centers in December. The next meeting of the sub-committee is scheduled for December 19th.

Aging and Disability Reconciliation:

Mr. LaMontagne shared an update on the current balance in the Commission account. \$200.00 was transferred from the general account to the Souper Tuesday account. A balance of \$1,086.32 remains in the general account.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior/Disability Issues – Extended power outage

Mr. LaMontagne asked for information regarding seniors and persons with disabilities during storm Alfred. Selectman Hampton and Ms. Marschall will update the Commission. A special meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in December.

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Nominating Committee Appointment.

Mr. LaMontagne asked Ms. Fallon to chair the nominating committee, which she agreed to do. She will report to the Commission at the January meeting.

Senior Tax Relief

Selectman reported that a committee will reconvene a tax relief committee to determine needs and programs for the future. Selectman Wertheimer and Hampton will be on the committee. Mr. Hampton would like to see a member of the Commission on the committee.

Voting Accessibility - November 8th

Due to storm Alfred, all voting took place at Henry James. Additional handicapped parking and curbside voting were made available. The access door to Henry James remains an issue for accessibility.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

Mr. LaMontagne wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Zappile made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Koff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Aging and Disability Commission will be held on January 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Eno Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Veith

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Clerk