

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

Ed LaMontagne, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Youth Room, Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury.

Present:, Janet Beatty, Victor Bible, Margaret Diachenko, Michael Jennings, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mark Orenstein, Lynn Veith, Diana Yeisley, Mona Herman, Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Coordinator), Cheryl Cook (Board of Selectmen Liaison)

Excused: Grace Comeau, Marvin Koff, Mona Martinik, Arlene Zappile, Mary Lou Patrina, Lorraine Doonan

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: None

BOS LIAISON REPORT

Ms Cook reported that the budget has been approved by the BOS and will go to referendum May 4th. April was recognized as Autism Awareness month. An eagle scout will be building a storage shed for the Special Olympics at Simsbury Farms. A STEAP Grant was awarded for the Veteran's Memorial.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Ms. Marschall reported that breakfast was held the main firehouse last month. Fifty-three seniors attended. There was a program on identity theft held at the Senior Center which was very informative and well attended by seniors and others. The Simsbury Woman's Club donated funds for a new TV and cart for programs and educational events.

PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

➤ **Souper Tuesday**

- Ms. Marschall reported that Tariffville students participated in the event which was well attended. There are two Souper Tuesday events remaining for the year - May and June. We will have musical entertainment at both of these events.
- Mr. LaMontagne distributed the Souper Tuesday reconciliation. We are in good shape for the rest of this year and into next.
- The Simsbury Woman's Club presented the Commission with a check for \$200.00 at their Gifts to the Community Luncheon on April 14th.

➤ **Picnic in the Park**

- Ms. Yeisley reported that she contacted St Catherine's Church for a date for the event. Saturday, August 22nd is available and booked. She is researching the room capacity. A discussion was held regarding entertainment, invitation list and the possibility of having various games. Ms. Marschall stated that there is a possibility we can be covered under the towns insurance, which would save us \$100.00.

OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Senior/Community Center Update**

- Mr. LaMontagne reported that the location for the proposed Community/Senior Center will be on the property next to the Performing Arts Center. Also under consideration are renovations to ENO Memorial Hall for ADA compliance. A committee has been appointed to review architectural firms for the proposed Community/Senior Center.

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- **Update on Ojakian Commons**
The project is progress well and there is a possibility that project will open on June 1st. The management company is using Eno Memorial Hall to certify applicants.
- **Autism Awareness Month**
The Board of Selectman proclaimed the month of April as Autism Awareness Month. Ms. Yeisley provided further information regarding autism.
- **Review and possibly approve Affordable Housing Plan**
Mr. LaMontagne shared a proposed Affordable Housing Plan, which would be submitted to the Board of Selectman. Ms. Veith made a motion to approve of the proposal and send it on to the First Selectman. Mr. Orenstein seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstaining.
- **Review and possibly approve Plan of Action**
Mr. LaMontagne will distribute the Draft Plan of Action at next month's meeting for review.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Brochure**
Mr. LaMontagne distributed the Aging and Disability Commission brochure which was created in 2006. He requested that commission members review the brochure and bring revisions to the next meeting.
- **Handicapped Parking Awareness Month**
Mr. LaMontagne will request that the BOS designate June as Handicapped Parking Awareness Month. Mr. Jennings will develop a statement for a press release. Mr. LaMontagne will speak to the Police Department and SCTV regarding a filming schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Simsbury Lions Club and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 3rd at St Mary's Church on Hopmeadow Street
- Mr. LaMontagne shared information on severe budget cuts to DDS and a web site for Commissioners to sign on to and sign a petition asking to reinstate the funding.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2015

Ms. Long made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Yeisley seconded. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Mary Ellen Long to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded Diana Yeisley by at 9:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn R. Veith

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Clerk