

TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015  
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Simsbury Aging and Disability Commission was held on September 15, 2015 at the Youth Room in Eno Memorial Hall 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury.

**PRESENT:**

Janet Beatty, Victor Bible, Grace Comeau, Mona Herman, Marvin Koff, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Lynn Veith, Diana Yeisley, Cheryl Cook (BOS Liaison), Kathleen Marschall (Senior Center Director)

**EXCUSED:**

Margaret Diachenko, Lorraine Doonan, Mike Jennings, Mary Lou Patrino, Arlene Zappille

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Ed LaMontagne at 7:05 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

There was no public audience.

**GUEST: State Representative John Hampton**

Representative Hampton distributed a list of 2015 Public Acts Affecting Seniors. He asked if the Commission had any bills they would like presented at the next legislative session to contact him.

**BOS LIAISON REPORT:**

Ms. Cook reported a new Selectman has been appointed. She reported that a small cities block grant has been awarded to the Housing Authority for roof and road repairs. A proposed fire hydrant ordinance will be discussed at the next BOS meeting.

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:**

Ms. Marschall reported the Wellness Fair, with flu shots, will be held Thursday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at ENO Memorial Hall. The movable LGBT program will begin September through January and rotate through Senior Centers in Newington, Avon Simsbury, Canton and Bloomfield

**PROGRAM/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SOUPER TUESDAY**

- September 8<sup>th</sup> event  
Ms. Comeau reported that the event went well. Members from the Simsbury/Granby Rotary Club served. Ms. Comeau reported that the Souper was the same week as Labor Day and the Police Dept. picnic, which may have caused low attendance. A suggestion was made to try to avoid having the Souper Tuesday in the same week.
- Server Schedule  
The Lions Club will serve in October and Commission members will serve in November. The Fashion Show will be held in May and the Tariffville School students will be at the April event.
- Financial Report  
Mr. LaMontagne distributed the financial reconciliation with donations from The Rotary Club and Commission member, Mark Orenstein.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK-POST EVENT REPORT**

- Ms. Yeisley reported that the participants were very pleased with the event. Discussion was held regarding changes which may be made.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**  
An architect has been selected.  
There will be a special meeting of the A&D Commission on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in order to meeting with the consultant regarding senior center programming.
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN**  
Mr. LaMontagne presented the Affordable Housing Plan on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup> to the Town of Simsbury Planning Commission. The plan was voted down with a request for additional information. Mr. LaMontagne will present additional information at the October Planning Commission meeting.
- **OJAKIAN COMMONS UPDATE**  
The Grand Opening will be held on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The apartments are approx. 60% occupied.
- **NEW BROCHURE**  
Proposals of the new brochure were distributed and comments were made. A new draft will be created and distributed.

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- **OTHER**  
None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **CHANGE THE HANDICAPPED SIGN CAMPAIGN**  
The ARC of the Farmington Valley has put out a position paper to change the handicapped sign. They are currently asking for individuals to sign their petition to change the sign.
- **SEMINAR**  
Further discussion will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **OTHER**  
The Special Education Parent Teacher Education is planning a Disability Fair in May 2016

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**  
Special Meeting of June 23, 2015

Ms. Yeisley made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of July 23, 2015. Mr. Koff seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to be read into the minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Koff and seconded by Ms. Long. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday October 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall

Submitted by,

*Lynn Veith*

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Clerk