

TOWN OF SIMSBURY AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL – SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015

Call to Order: Edward J. LaMontagne, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Youth Room – ENO Memorial Hall – 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

Present: Janet Beatty, Victor Bible, Lorraine Doonan, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Ed LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mary Lou Patrina, Diana Yeisley, and Arlene Zapille.

Excused: Grace Comeau, Margaret Diachenko, Mona Herman, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Lynn Veith, Cheryl Cook (BOS Liaison, Kathleen Marshall (Senior Center Coordinator)

Mr. LaMontagne asked Ms. Doonan, Ms. Patrina, and Ms Zapille to sit in for regular members who are absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE - None

BOS LIAISON REPORT – No Report

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

- a. Tracy Andrews, Low Vision Specialist from Vision Dynamics, will be at the Senior Center this Thursday, June 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to provide an interactive presentation to empower and inspire people with low vision, blindness, and learning difficulties to lead a more independent life.
- b. The Simsbury Senior Center and the Simsbury Public Library Families will present Keeping the Home Fires Burning: Families on the Home Front in World War II on Tuesday, July 7th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Simsbury Library.

PROGRAM REPORTS

a. Souper Tuesday

- The last Souper Tuesday of the season was held on June 9th. The usual number of seniors attended and music was provided. A volunteer was recognized for her outstanding work in the kitchen throughout the year.
- A financial report was unavailable; however it has not changed since last month. We are still waiting for a bill from Fitzgerald's for the June event. We are in good shape financially going into the 2015 – 16 season.
- A list of Souper Tuesday dates for the 2015 – 16 season was presented to Commissioners. Ms. Long made a motion to accept and Dr. Koff seconded.

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b. Picnic in the Park

The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at St. Catherine of Siena Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ms. Yeisley presented a flyer for the picnic. There will be an ice cream truck, magician, various games and music. Ms. Yeisley will communicate with Commissioners over the summer to keep them updated.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Senior/Community Center Update

Mr. LaMontagne stated that the committee to select an architect for the Senior/Community Center held interviews with four candidates on June 18th. After which an architect was selected. A program consultant was hired by the town to recommend space requirements for the new center. He is expected to begin his work the beginning of July.

b. Handicapped Parking Awareness Month

Marketing for Handicapped Parking Awareness Month included, a flyer distributed by the Simsbury Police Department, a notice to members by the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce, a note on the Police Department web site and town website and a segment on SCTV which ran for the entire month. Mr. Jennings also discussed how the State of Michigan deals with handicapped parking through use of a flyer which describes the correct use of a handicapped parking placard and that blue stripped lines are for van parking. Mr. Jennings is looking at the possibility of using something similar in Connecticut.

c. Affordable Housing Plan

The Affordable Housing Plan was presented to the Board of Selectman on May 27th. The Board recommended that the plan be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

d. ENO Memorial Hall Accessibility

Mr. Jennings reported on a meeting he had with town officials regarding accessibility at ENO Memorial Hall. Mr. Jennings led a tour of the building on June 1st to demonstrate which areas do not or barely comply, with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

e. Ojakian Commons Update

Mr. LaMontagne had a tour of the building on May 26th. It is scheduled to open on July 1st, but at this point it has not been confirmed. Commissioner will be notified when a ribbon cutting will be held.

f. New Brochure

Ms. Yeisley presented a draft of a new Commission brochure, which will be a color tri-fold. Commissioners made a few suggestions, which will be included. Mr. LaMontagne asked that the brochure be ready for Septemberfest.

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g. Plan of Action

The draft Plan of Action for 2015-16 was reviewed. After a short discussion Dr. Koff made a motion to approve and Ms. Yeisley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resident Opinion Survey

The results of the recent Resident Opinion Survey were discussed. Of particular note were the responses concerning the senior/community center and affordable housing.

b. Glastonbury Commission on Aging Survey

Discussion was held regarding the recent survey the Town of Glastonbury Commission on Aging. The goals of the survey were to assess senior citizens views on the programs offered at the senior center and help guide the commission's and senior staff.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 19, 2015

Ms. Beatty made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Koff. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Long to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Ms. Zappile. The meeting was adjourned at 8: 30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room, ENO Memorial Hall

Submitted by,

EJ LaMontagne

Edward J. LaMontagne
Chairman