

Town of Montville
COMMISSION ON AGING
12 Maple Avenue
Uncasville, Connecticut 06382

Regular Meeting of April 2, 2015

1. Call to order
Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting of the Commission on Aging to order on April 2, 2015 at 9:05 in the library at the Senior Center.
2. Roll Call
Present were Commission members: Doherty-Peck, MacNeil, Skinner, Ziegler, Doherty and Adams. Absent were members Antoniac, Police Liaison Bunnell, Liaison Caron.
3. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Ziegler, seconded by Skinner to approve the minutes for February 5, 2015. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Bills
No bills
5. Correspondence
No correspondence
6. Remarks from the public
No public
7. Reports
 - A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director
 - 1) Doherty-Peck reported that she is working on 4 grants to be submitted today. Medride, Medride II, Health Grant and a new one for mental health. The mental health grant will benefit both the senior center and social services. If approved, a mental health worker will be available for an 8 hour day, one day per week. They will provide group sessions and one-on-one meetings.
 - 2) She is working on a grant for a computer classes for most up-to-date computers and scams to be offered on Saturdays. With so many seniors still working they cannot always attend the classes during the week. She is also working on a grant for social service clients and computers.
 - 3) A copy of the article printed in the New London Day was provided to the members. The article printed the letter from Doherty-Peck with the support of other local Senior Directors.

This letter was in opposition of The Day's view of having no need for the Dept. on Aging.

- 4) Doherty-Peck reported renovations are continuing at the center due to a leak.

8. Old business

- a. GAP program-no one signed up
- b. Chicken soup program-no one signed up
- c. Senior safety zone update. This went to the state level and a task force prepared a report taking pieces of the issues that needed to be addressed. The conclusion was that Senior Center Directors would be notified if a sex offender was moving to the town. This was not a satisfactory resolution since they are required to register. We discussed inviting either Betsy Ritter or Cathy Osten to next month's meeting. It was decided their feedback would be valuable in helping us decide if we should continue the fight for the Senior Safety Zones.

9. New Business

A.Kathleen Doherty-Peck

- 1) Doherty-Peck reported her and other local directors are working with Maria Miranda on a new web-site for the Senior Centers of SECT and all seniors would be able to visit and view all centers. It will have tabs to click on each local senior to view all activities.
- 2) The commission discussed a possible program for seniors to adopt pets. Doherty-Peck will contact the humane society to see if they can create such a program where the animals are brought to the center to match up with individuals. MacNeil will get information on the mobile vet services available.
- 3) The commission discussed offering a coupon class. The class would be offered to the senior center as well as social services. Member Adams, who is very knowledgeable in couponing would instruct the class.

10. Remarks from the Public

No public

11. Remarks from the commission

None

12. Remarks from liaison

Absent

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 motioned by Skinner and second by Doherty.

