Town of Montville COMMISSION ON AGING

12 Maple Ave.

Uncasville, Connecticut 06382

1. Call to order

Vice Chair MacNeil called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. on January 4, 2017 in the library at the Senior Center.

2. Roll call

Present were commission members: Doherty, MacNeil, Skinner, Adams, Taylor. Absent with cause: Chair Doherty-Peck, Town council Liaison Caron, Member Ziegler, Police Liaison Lt. Bunnell.

3. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2016 by Doherty and second by Skinner.

4. Approval of the bills

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Remarks from the public

None

7. Guest Speaker

Alicia L Clendennin, RN, MSN Administrator from Interim Health Care was a guest speaker. Alicia spoke about the differences in health care organizations with respect to licensing. Some companion and home maker organizations are licensed with consumer protection and the better business bureau but are not licensed with the department of public health. There are very stringent regulations when licensed with Dept. of Public Health. When interviewing a company ask them three questions.

- 1. Are they licensed with the department of public health?
- 2. Can they bill Medicare and Medicaid?
- 3. Do they have bonding insurance?

The better business bureau and the consumer protection agency only tracks complaints, they cannot shut them down. If they are licensed with the department of public health and they get a complaint it must be investigated. Companions and home makers should not have hands-on. Even if they provide 24 hour care, they still should not have hands-on. Interim Healthcare and VNA

provide licensed care. Google Medicare 5 star rating to determine how a hospital, nursing home and healthcare agency is rated.

7. Reports

None

8. Old business

None

9. Remarks from the commission

Adams suggested more of an effort to get the word out to the public that the commission has meetings and they are welcome to attend.

It was also suggested that we make sure Kathie has all of our up to date contact information. Once we have a list of contact information, we should be certain each of the members have a copy.

11. A motion was made to adjourn at 10:24 by Skinner and second by Taylor

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