

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

1. Call to order

Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. on November 1, 2017 in the library at the Senior Center.

2. Roll call

Present were commission members: Doherty-Peck, Doherty, Adams, and Ziegler. Absent with cause: Members MacNeil, Taylor, Skinner, Town Council Liaison Caron and Liaison Lt. Bunnell.

3. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2017 by Ziegler and seconded by Doherty. All in favor.

4. Approval of the bills

None

5. Correspondence

Chair Doherty-Peck received correspondence from Council Minutes Clerk, Agnes Miyuki, on the reappointment of members Ziegler and Doherty, term expiration of December 14, 2020.

6. Remarks from the public

None

7. Reports

A.

(1) Doherty-Peck reported that there are some holiday programs coming up: Thanksgiving Dinner at Center, Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the individuals, including seniors, and families in need, and Hot Home-Cooked delivered meals for seniors and disabled residents spending the holidays alone.

(2) Doherty-Peck reported that she was asked to work with the Town Hall Veteran Representative, Marcia Vlaun, who is the P & Z Director on a new initiative aimed at providing information and services to Veteran Caregivers. There will be an event scheduled for next year to ensure all resident Veterans and their Caregivers are aware of what is available to them! More information will be made available as it comes.

(3) Doherty-Peck reported on the procedure of “closing the senior center” as there was an issue with the recent storm and the closing of the schools due to lack of power. As a “rule of thumb” closing the senior center has always followed suit with the closing of the schools. If the roads are not safe for our students to travel on, they are not safe for our seniors. I also take into consideration the safety of our seniors trying to leave their homes, travel on the roads, and get into senior center safely – then return the same way. Under most circumstances, the closings are due to severe snow and it is a non-issue. Center is closed, though offices are open and staff is here – the building is closed to

keep seniors home and safe. With the recent rain storm that impacted the schools to be open, the Center was closed the first day (again, power outages, downed lines, etc.) to keep seniors safe. It was open the second day as the power outages were limited to small areas in town and it was felt the senior's safety was not an issues. Doherty-Peck felt an explanation was warranted as a Town Representative did not understand the correlation to the school closing until explanation was given. Discussion help, members understood procedure.

B.

(1) Liaison Caron was unable to attend, he will be at Senior Club Meeting tomorrow.

C.

(1) Lt. Bunnell was unable to attend.

8. Old Business

A. Alzheimer's Program –the speaker was not in attendance, Doherty-Peck will try To reschedule for an upcoming meeting.

B. Doherty-Peck forwarded some information presented by the Consumer Protection regarding the hiring of Home Health Aides and the Agencies that hire them. Discussion followed and a more in-depth look and discussing will take place at our next meeting affording members more time to look over.

C. The time and dates for the 2018 Commission on Aging Meetings are attached. Motion by Doherty, seconded by Ziegler to approve the schedule. All in favor.

9. New Business

a. Doherty-Peck addressed the recently signed State budget and the direct impact that will have on our seniors statewide and within our Town. Lengthy discussion on many issues with the budget and some possible changes that are being expressed by State Reps to rectify some of the issues. Along with some clarifications, many cuts are implemented and will directly affect our seniors, which puts an extremely large burden on our Senior Services Department.

10. Remarks from the public
No public

11. Remarks from the commission
No remarks

12. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:5 2 by Ziegler and seconded Doherty. All in favor.