

Town of Montville
COMMISSION ON AGING

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Regular Meeting of January 7, 2010

Michael Feeney
TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order

Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting of the Commission on Aging to order on January 7, 2010 at 10:05 in the library at the Senior Center.

2. Roll Call

Present were Commission members Doherty-Peck, Skinner, MacNeil, Zielger, Jurczyk, and Councilor Liaison Caron. Absent members O'Bday and Geary.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by MacNeil, seconded by Skinner to approve the minutes of December 3, 2009 special meeting. Motion carried. Correction on date of January Agenda.

4. Approval of Bills

No bills.

5. Correspondence

- 1) Letter from Town Council for the appointment of Mari Jurczyk to Commission, term to expire on November 14, 2010.
- 2) Letter from Town Council for the appointment of John Geary to Commission, term to expire on November 11, 2010.

6. Remarks from Public

No remarks.

7. Reports

A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director

- 1) Doherty-Peck discussed the completion of the Holiday Basket Program and its success. She emphasized the support and hard work from the community and from the senior citizens with the program.
- 2) In the process of scheduling new programs and services for the next for months.

B. William Caron, Town Council Liaison

- 1) Councilor Caron praised The Director, her staff and volunteers with the excellent job on the Holiday Programs.
- 2) Council Caron commented on the upcoming budget season and how it is expected to be another difficult year.

C. Report from Janet Eccleston, Club President.

- 1) All is well with the Club, looking at going up on their annual membership fee from its present \$6.00 to \$10.00.

D. Report from Chair

Above.

8. Old Business

- A. GAP – Doherty-Peck reported that she had a discussion with the Mayor before writing a letter from Commission regarding the GAP program. She discussed with the Mayor the conversation with the Deputy Fire Chief about moving the GAP Program out of that office and at the Center. She reported to the Mayor that she and the Commission are adamantly opposed to this as the program is an emergency response program and should be left where it was originally set to be and where it is most effective. The Mayor agreed with the position of the Commission and will arrange for a sit-down with the Fire Marshal to discuss this and straighten out the issue so we can offer the service to our residents. Councilor Caron asked to be included in with that meeting.
- B. Commission on Aging Chicken Soup Program – it was decided that each member will contact a business to see if they would be willing to participate in the program and offer an item to be included in our “Chicken Soup” Bag for delivery. Each will come back to the next meeting with the business name and the “item” to be included. We discussed different groups that could help with the distribution of the bags along with spending time with each of the senior recipients. WE discussed having a High School Group, the Leos Club, Youth Services, some seniors, and members of the Police Department. A motion was made by MacNeil, seconded by Skinner to use our Commission budget to purchase “bags” for deliver to hold the items with our Commission on Aging Chicken Soup Program on the bag.
- C. Workshop – Doherty-Peck reported that the first workshop in our series with Atty. Linda Kidder is scheduled on Monday, January 25th from 9:00 – 10:00 AM and then she, with an Associate, will sit with senior clients, for one-on-one 10 min. appointments, from 10:00 – 11:00 AM. Attorney Kidder’s presentation will consists of wills, living wills, power-of-attorney, etc. as per Attorney Kidder’s recommendation due to time limitations. Presentation is listed in News Letter and on bulletin board with appointment sign -up sheet. Doherty-Peck will distribute to Commission Members posters to post throughout town, up at our elderly housing villages and also list on Chanel 20.
- D. Request for Lieutenant Bunnell regarding Silver Alert Program and Town’s Program. – Sergeant Collins and Lieutenant Bunnell both attended meeting. Sergeant Collins reported that he presently makes stops in to seniors for well-checks and is encouraging other officers to do the same. Doherty-Peck will give a list of seniors that would benefit from that as well. The Commission would like to tie this in with our Chicken Soup Program. Lieutenant Bunnell reported on the Town’s Return Safe Program and that the program was instituted but did not get much participation, probably due to lack of promotion. The Commission would like to help promote this program as well and discusses having Sergeant Collins and Lieutenant Bunnell make a presentation during our next Commission on Aging Quarterly Workshop scheduled for April.

9. New Business

- 1) New Topic for second in Workshop Series – discussion involved seeing how the first workshop was received, other legal issues, financial, etc. After discussions with the Sergeant and Lieutenant, it was decided to have Sergeant Collins and the Lieutenant,

along with Officer Radford as our next presenter regarding the Montville Return Safe Program with ID cards made available. Presentation will be held in April.

- 2) Request was made to Sergeant Collins that he, and or designee, participates with the Commission on a regular basis. Sergeant Collins agreed this would be a great idea and he would attend.
- 3) Motion was made by Member Skinner, seconded by Member MacNeil to request budget for 2010-2011 year to remain the same. All in favor.

10. Remarks from Commission Members, Liaison

- 1) Doherty-Peck remarked she is looking forward to the coming year and continuing with all of the wonderful programs and services we have available to our seniors while expanding on new.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Skinner, seconded by Jurczyk to adjourn at 10:55 AM. Motion carried.