

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

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Regular Meeting of November 4, 2010

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting of the Commission on Aging to order on November 4, 2010 at 10:00 in the library at the Senior Center.

**2. Roll Call**

Present were Commission members Doherty-Peck, Ziegler, Geary, Jurczyk, Skinner, and Liaison Caron. Absent was member O'bday and MacNeil.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Geary, seconded by Jurczyk to approve the minutes of September 2, 2010 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of Bills**

No bills.

**5. Correspondence**

Correspondence from Montville Town Council Chairperson, Donna Jacobson regarding interviews for re-appointment of members Jurczyk, MacNeil, and Geary.

**6. Remarks from Public**

No remarks.

**7. Reports**

A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director

1) Doherty-Peck announced that all programs are going well at center.

Participation is high and successful. She has added a new program to the senior center schedule, which will begin in January, Zumba Gold. Zumba Gold is an exercise class designed for the elderly. Class will be free for seniors, instructor will be paid. Doherty-Peck also stated she has submitted grant to the Community Foundation in hopes of receiving funding to help with the exercise programs. Doherty-Peck also stated that this time of the year is extremely busy with energy applications, enrollment period for Medicare Part D, and holiday basket programs.

B. William Caron, Town Council Liaison

1) Reported that there will be a photo/newspaper interview of the contributors for the MedRIDE senior medical transportation program on Monday, November 8, 2010. Contributors were the Mohegan Tribe, Charter Oak, & Bob Kaufman.

- 2) Liaison Caron talked about an Ordinance for protecting our elderly from sex offenders and how both he and Doherty-Peck have been doing research on the issue to bring before the Council. He would like the Commission support on this.
- 3) Liaison Caron brought up the issue that there are some members of the Parks & Rec Commission that want to use the senior center for their programs and how he is against it. Doherty-Peck reported that there is a Town Policy stating that the Senior Center is for senior citizen programs only, the grant funds requested from the State to help in the construction of the senior center state the center is for seniors 60 years and older, and that a few years back she cut evening and weekend programs to help the Town in cost savings (i.e. heating, electricity, over-time, etc.) and that those cuts have seen a significant savings. Doherty-Peck also added that should economy change, with the Baby Boomer population being fastest growing population in the United States (and still working) she will add senior activities at night to allow all of our Montville seniors access to activities at the Senior Center. A motion was made by member Jurczyk and seconded by Geary to send a letter to the Mayor and the Montville Parks & Rec Commission stating that the Senior Center should remain for senior citizens only as was originally intended. All in favor.

C. Sandy Stauffer, Club President  
No report.

D. Report from Chair

- 1) Doherty-Peck report relates to items below on the agenda.

#### **8. Old Business**

- A. Commission on Aging Chicken Soup Program – Member MacNeil was unable to attend today's meeting and has all of the changes/additions to the Chicken Soup Program. Doherty-Peck stated she would contact MacNeil and ask her to forward those changes so that she can send out to all members as a way to be prepared for and to make decisions to finalize program guidelines at January 6, 2011 meeting.
- B. Workshop –Member Skinner brought up issue of October Workshop. Doherty-Peck explained that the workshop did not take place as the only day we had scheduled for it did not work for speaker and that this time of the year is very difficult to schedule in those types of program. The October workshop in financial issues facing seniors will be scheduled for January 2011.

#### **9. New Business**

- A. Vote was taken to accept the attached days and times for the Commission on Aging meetings for the 2011 year. Motion by Skinner, seconded by Geary. All in favor.
- B. Vote was taken for Chairperson & Secretary for the 2011 year. Motion by Skinner, seconded by Jurczyk to re-appoint Doherty-Peck as Chairperson. All in favor. Motion by Doherty-Peck, seconded by Jurczyk to re-appoint MacNeil as secretary. All in favor. Discussion on asking Secretary MacNeil to include more detail of meeting in minutes.
- C. Discussion on the Commission on Aging Policy & Procedures. Member Jurczyk will research other town commissions to bring to our January meeting to have a policy adopted by this commission as one cannot be found on record.
- D. Discussion was held on members not attending meetings on a regular basis. There was a discussion on the Town Charter that if member miss more than 3 consecutive meetings without reason, they would be dismissed. Member Geary will check into

the Charter. Most members attend meetings on regular basis, any absence is usually called in and with reason. A motion was made by Geary, seconded by Ziegler to have Commission Chair send letter to member O'bday to inquire of his interest in remaining on the Commission. All in favor.

**10. Remarks from Commission Members, Liaison**

No remarks.

**11. Adjourn**

Motion by Geary, seconded by Jurczyk to adjourn at 10:45 AM. Motion carried.