

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

Regular Meeting of March 3, 2011

1. Call to Order

Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting of the Commission on Aging to order on March 3, 2011 at 10:00 in the library at the Senior Center.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Geary, seconded by Jurczyk to approve the minutes of March 3, 2011 regular meeting with correction of spelling of Member O'Bday's name. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Bills

No bills.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence sent from Chair Doherty-Peck inquiring of intent of Member O'Bday as he has been absent from many meetings. It was reported that Member O'Bday was ill and wishes to remain an active member.

6. Remarks from Public

No remarks.

7. Reports

A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director

- 1) Doherty-Peck reported that she is hosting a Shred-It Program to be held at the Senior Center on Saturday, May 21' 2011 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. The program is FREE and open to the public. It was suggested to put a donation box out by the Shred-It vehicle in case those in the community wanted to contribute.
- 2) Doherty-Peck reported that it is budget season as well as grant season for her and she is on track with deadlines on all.
- 3) All programs are doing well at the Center. Participation is high and programs and activities are well received.

B. William Caron, Town Council Liaison

- 1) Reported that there is a short-fall in the budget and that the Mayor has asked Departments for a spending freeze and the Mayor and Council are looking at ways to bridge the short-fall.

- 2) Liaison Caron reported he discussed the status of the Guardian Angel Program and the Chicken Soup Program to the Council. He also suggested that we put the Guardian Angel Program, as that one is already up and running, in the Montville Times to educate the public on the program and have more seniors sign up for the service.
 - 3) Liaison Carol spoke about the Parks & Rec Commission trying to establish Smoke Free recreational areas and will report on the status of that.
- C. 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.
- B. Policy and Procedures – Member Jurczyk reported that she has a copy of the Policy & Procedures from the Ledyard Senior Center and will continue to try and acquire from other Senior Center Commissions. Member Geary distributed the Town of Montville Ordinance Establishing a Commission on Aging, Code of Ethics, requirements, etc. A discussion followed.
- C. Town Charter update on Membership – Member Geary reported that per his research, there is nothing in the Town Charter specific to the number of meetings a member can miss; Liaison Carol discussed the interviews and absence of members. Discussion followed.

9. New Business

- A. Chair Doherty-Peck discussed Bill No. 1108 An Act Concerning Senior Safety Zones and having seniors participating at Senior Centers protected by not allowing Sex Offenders in or around senior centers. Doherty-Peck reported that Councilor Caron has been working on this Bill with Senator Prague and it is believed it will be on the agenda next week, possibly on Tuesday. Councilor Caron is planning on attending the hearing and giving testimony. A motion was made by O'Bday, seconded by Jurczyk to write letter of support from the Montville Commission on Aging in favor of this bill. All in favor.

10. Remarks from Commission Members, Liaison

No remarks.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Geary, seconded by Jurczyk to adjourn at 11:25 AM. Motion carried.