

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

Regular Meeting of February 11, 2013

1. Call to order
Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting of the Commission on Aging to order on February 11, 2013 at 10:04 in the library at the Senior Center.
2. Roll Call
Present were Commission members; Doherty-Peck, Skinner, Geary, Ziegler, Jurczyk and O'Bday. Absent was commission member MacNeil and Liaison Caron.
3. Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Member Geary, seconded by Member O'Bday to approve the minutes of January 3, 2013 regular meeting with correction of Member O'Bday in attendance. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Bills-
No bills
5. Correspondence
No correspondence
6. Remarks from the public
No public present.
7. Reports
 - A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director
 - 1) Doherty-Peck reported she had attended a meeting, with the bus driver and Town mechanics, at the State DOT regarding the senior bus/grant. Next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2013 to place order for new bus.
 - 2) Grant requests are in, in process of applying for three grants.
 - 3) All programs going well at the Center.
 - B. Liaison Billy Caron - Liaison Caron was not able to attend; he was at Yale New Haven with his father, Commission Chair gave his report:
 - 1) Liaison went up to State to testify regarding Senior Safety Zones with Mayor, Former Mayor Jaskiewics, and Director Doherty-Peck. Senator Osten also testified in favor.
 - 2) Council will be working on budgets soon and will be responsible and considerate.
 - 3) Councilor would like to look into a generator for senior center, will keep posted.
 - C. Report from Chair
 - 1) Doherty-Peck reported that the Department budget was submitted and that the Commission on Aging Budget was

submitted, same amount requested to keep line-item in case of need.

8. Old Business

A. Policies and Procedures

1) Policies/procedures - It was discussed to include "Attendance" in the Policy and Procedures and "that if a member cannot attend, to make an effort to notify the Commission they will not be able to attend". This is the last addition to the Montville Commission on Aging Policies & Procedures. A motion was made by Member Ziegler, seconded by Member Jurczyk to accept the Policies & Procedures as complete. All in favor, motion carried. A complete version will be sent to each Member and to the Mayor and Town Council.

B. Senior Safety Zones

1) Chair Doherty-Peck spoke on her disappointment with the Commission in having unanimously supported the Senior Safety Zones for years and to "change" support in one meeting. Doherty-Peck also stated that the Commission has always functioned in a positive manner and she believed that all members felt open to discuss their opinions, as they should. Members agreed with this conception. Discussion followed regarding how well the Commission does work together. Member Jurczyk stated that we had not taken into account the possibilities of law suits and should consider this. A discussion followed and Commission felt they should see how the State proceeds with the S.B. regarding Senior Safety Zones and decide future action after that. No formal vote was taken. It was also discussed that the media did not accurately report meeting.

C. Chicken Soup Program

1) There are not updates to the program. We have some senior volunteers but no one has signed up as recipient. Discussion followed regarding getting the word out more and distributing flyers.

D. GAP Program

1) Chair Doherty-Peck reported that while there have been several inquiries, no one has signed up for the program. We did receive the Maintenance Upkeep Invoice, which is in the amount of \$1,100.00 for the year. Last year the IT Dept. and the Emergency Response Dept. split cost of maintenance invoice. Doherty-Peck

asked the Commission if they would like to continue with the program and have her request assistance to pay for invoice again and try to get seniors signed up, or if Commission thought we should just let program go. Discussion and consensus was to continue with this valuable program and work on ways to get the word out more. Member Skinner spoke on the Meals-on-Wheels program and if it would be possible to inquire to TVCCA to include flyer to all MOW recipients about the program. She also suggested that maybe the applications were intimidating and we could help with that. Doherty-Peck reported that one of the seniors in elderly housing had a stroke and sat in a chair for three days as he could not get to phone, this program would have significantly increased his changes for better recovery. Doherty-Peck suggested she could contact the Housing Authority and go to elderly housing to set up appointment to help seniors fill out forms. It was also suggested to make more flyers to put throughout town.

9. New Business

1) Vote on dates for 2013 meetings. Motion was made by Member O'Bday, seconded by Member Jurczyk to accept submitted dates and times for 2013 Commission on Aging meetings. All in favor, motion carried.

2) Vote on Chair and Vice Chair/Secretary positions for 2013 Commission on Aging. Motion by Member Jurczyk, seconded by O'Bday to nominate Doherty-Peck to continue as Chair and MacNeil as Vice-Chair/Secretary. All in favor, motioned carried.

10. Remarks from the public

No public

11. Remarks from the commission members, Liaison

No additional remarks

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:54, motioned by Member Skinner and seconded by Member Geary. All in favor.