

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

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Regular Meeting of February 5, 2015

1. Call to order  
Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting of the Commission on Aging to order on February 5th, 2015 at 9:05 in the library at the Senior Center.
2. Roll Call  
Present were Commission members, Doherty-Peck, MacNeil, Skinner, Ziegler, Antoniac, Doherty and Adams. As well as Town Council Liaison Caron.
3. Approval of Minutes  
A motion was made by Ziegler, seconded by MacNeil to approve the minutes for November 6th 2015. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Bills  
No bills
5. Correspondence  
Correspondence from the Town Council announcing Karen Doherty as a new member of the commission, Member Lou Ziegler's reappointment.
6. Remarks from the public  
No public
7. Reports
  - A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director
    - 1) Doherty-Peck reported that the grants are starting to come in and she will be working on them soon.
    - 2) She reported that a new program at the center has started for Evening Game Night. Winter hours will be from 3:00-5:00.
    - 3) She reported that Veterans in the town of Montville benefited from the proceeds raised through the concert at Mohegan Sun.
    - 4) Liaison Caron reported that the Senior Safety Zones Task Force finalized their report. They did research and discovered there have been 3000 assaults on seniors, seniors are victims of sexual assault, and there is a great need for these safety zones. Caron is hopefully the State will follow through and continue working on the issues.
    - 5) Caron reported on the budget. He said they are reviewing the budgets at this time. He said changes will be made to the tennis courts, Camp Oakdale and the Pavilion.

- 6) Caron reported he is working with the Director on Mental Health Programs for our residents: Veterans, individuals, and seniors. He followed up with Kathie's initial outreach to UCFS and made a request that a mental health provider have hours at the Montville Social services. They may also have an office at the high school at the end of the year.

8. Old Business

- a. GAP program-updates
- b. Chicken soup - updates

9. New Business

A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck

1) Doherty-Peck reported her dissatisfaction with The Day's Editorial on the State Department on Aging. There were many inaccuracies in the article and The Day paper had taken the stance that the State Dept. was not needed and it was their opinion that it was a political ploy for the Democrats. The State had the commission on aging under social services. There was a lack of communication and so the department was not working. Doherty-Peck reported that her group of Directors from SECT were the ones that spearheaded the initiative to reinstate the Dept. Doherty-Peck and other Directors felt there is a need more than ever. It wasn't working within the State DSS and the need will continue to grow with the increase in senior population. Doherty-Peck, Liaison Caron and the other directors as part of Kathie's group will all be responding to this letter in the Day.

10. Remarks from the Public

No Public

11. Remarks from the Commission Members, Liaison

Ziegler asked if there was help for Seniors for snow removal. Doherty-Peck said they have people listed on the bulletin board but she cannot recommend anyone specific. She also said the Hire a Teen Program is available.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 motioned by Skinner and second by Ziegler.

