

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

1. Call to order
Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on November 3, 2016 in the library at the Senior Center.
2. Roll call
Present were commission members: Doherty-Peck, MacNeil, Skinner, Adams, Ziegler, Doherty, Liaison Lt Bunnell and Liaison Caron. Absent with cause was commission member Taylor.
3. Approval of minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2016 by MacNeil and second by Adams.
4. Approval of the bills
None.
5. Correspondence
Received letter from Town Council appointing Taylor as a member of the Commission with a term to expire 10-12-19.
6. Reports from the public
None.
7. Guest Speaker
State Department on Aging Commissioner Betsy Ritter was a guest speaker for the Commission. Betsy spoke about the responsibilities of her position. She discussed how the Federal dollars under The Older Americans Act worked, and about budgeting and core services, as well as the RESPITE program. There was a lengthy discussion between Commissioner Ritter and the Commission on the regulations of Home Health Care workers for the elderly. Lt. Bunnell spoke about the "Suitability" check that is done for organizations with regards to children, same can be used for the elderly. The Commission and Betsy exchanged ideas and questions.
8. Reports
 - a. Doherty-Peck reported that she is beginning the preparations for the holiday baskets. They expect 400 for Christmas and 400 for Thanksgiving. They will also be collecting toys and expect to have over 500 children received toy/gift baskets. She reported that the Mohegan

Tribe has generously offered to provide turkeys and pies this year for the Thanksgiving baskets.

- b. Liaison Caron reiterated that the Tribe was generous to donate the turkeys and pies this year.
- c. He said budget time will begin and he is hoping no cuts will take place for the Senior Center and work with the Director to advocate against it at state level.
- d. Caron also reported the KISS concert was very successful. They raised about \$5000.00 for senior center programs
- e. Lt Bunnell had nothing to report at this time.

9. Old Business

- a. Doherty-Peck addressed the motion brought up about changing the day of the week from the first Thursday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month, same time. There was a discussion last month and this day of the week seemed to work better for some members and was a non-issue for the others. A motion was made by Doherty to add an addendum to the bi-laws to approve this change, and was second by MacNeil. All in favor.

10. New Business

- a. The commission agreed the next meeting to discuss coming up with ideas as to what should be our first steps and what is needed to require more agencies that offer home health care to the elderly more requirements for staff; one such requirement is to possibly administer "suitability test" through the police department for those who are caring for the elderly
- b. Doherty talked about a service from companies who help the elderly who are down-sizing their homes, need their home organized, empty a home when someone elderly has passed or assist in cleaning out and bringing items to the transfer station. This was an extremely helpful service and others might benefit from it.

11. Remarks from the public

None.

12. Remarks from the commission

None.

13. A motion was made to adjourn at 11:32 by MacNeil and second by Doherty

