

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 9:01 a.m. on May 2, 2018 in the library at the Senior Center.

2. Roll call

Present were commission members: Doherty-Peck, Taylor, Ziegler, Skinner, Doherty, Adams, & Liaison Pollard. Absent with cause: Lt. Bunnell and McNeil.

3. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2018 by Ziegler and seconded by Doherty. All in favor.

4. Approval of the bills

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Remarks from the public

None

7. Speakers: Doherty-Peck reported she sent a letter to and spoke with

Companions & Homemakers who will be able to attend the next meeting. Ziegler will confirm Masonicare for the following meeting.

8. Reports

A.

Doherty-Peck reported she has completed and turned in 4 grants (3 Federal, 1 State) – totaling \$112, 282.00 for the upcoming year. She is also working on another Grant to a foundation for her Veterans Program. Doherty-Peck distributed the new community booklet to each of the members, it looks very nice and is full of all of the programs she has to offer at the Center and Social Services. She provides this book with the Youth Services Dept. and Parks & Rec. Doherty-Peck also reported she has the next set of Quarterly Presentations coming up, which include: financial, Medical, Scams.

B.

Liaison Pollard brought in a brochure from business called Solutions for Seniors which is made up of practitioners to offer services for legal, financial, insurance, and medical / homehealth care needs. It was discussed to invite them to come and talk at a meeting to go over the services they provide and how it will be beneficial to our seniors.

C.

No report

9. Old Business

- A. Home Health Care / Discussions – Doherty-Peck suggested that each member come back next meeting with a list of what we would like from the businesses that provide homehealth care and a list of what we would like from the State for registration / supervision / changes / etc. Discussion followed on what we feel the needs are, what is lacking, and why we want State to be involved, acknowledging the economic status of our state – seniors should still be a consideration.
 - B. Pet Compatibility Program – Doherty-Peck reported that she has a young man working on his Eagle Scout Project, which is to build the Pet Food Shed outside of Social Services and when it is complete – we will once again start to receive a tremendous amount of donations from the Humane Society and others for those with Pets in need. This started our discussion on one of the issues pertaining to our Pet Placement Compatibility Program as one of the issues was that seniors could not afford food – this program will be a huge help and we can revisit getting this program off the ground again.
9. New Business
 - A. There was no new business at this time.
10. Remarks from the public

Public - Mrs. Heather Pettengill – spoke of the Ombudsman program for Long Term Care and the policies in place for that program, how it might possibly be helpful to what the Commission is working on. Discussion followed on what are issues are in the many companies are not licensed or regulated and are “just businesses” which is our concern. Looking at the policy for Ombudsman program might be helpful in developing a proposed policy.
11. Remarks from the commission

Skinner asked about art program and massage therapy having to “take breaks” during the holidays along with the other classes though those rooms are not used for other program. Doherty-Peck reported that the rooms actually do get used and as all of the other programs are given the couple of weeks off for each of the two winter holidays (she keeps it uniform) and closes all programs during this time. She stated that the classes are all free to the seniors but they are not actually free, as the instructors, etc. all get paid and the few weeks at the end of the year they are closed help to stretch the Center funding needed for the programs to continue.

Liaison Pollard suggested that we have an Elder Law business come to talk to seniors, Skinner reported that we have done this in the past (though it was a few years ago) and that it was very informative. Doherty-Peck stated she would schedule again as there was a lot of positive feed-back from this speaker.

Doherty brought up the recent presentation from the Bird Sanctuary and it was discussed that it was a positive presentation that went over very well. Almost 100 people were in attendance and the presentation was a huge success – it was posted on social media which is starting to get a lot of attention. Taylor and Adams confirmed it was a great presentation. Adams continued discussion.
12. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 by Skinner and seconded Adams. All in favor.