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

1. Call to order

Chair Doherty-Peck called the Special Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on June 16, 2021 in the Dining Hall in the Senior Center.

2. Roll call

Present were commission members: Doherty-Peck, Ziegler, Adams, Taylor, Murphy, Liaison Caron, and Liaison Lt. Radford. Absent with cause: Skinner and Doherty.

3. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2020 meeting by Ziegler and seconded by Radford. All in favor.

- 4. Approval of the bills None
- 5. Correspondence

Letter was read from Member Karen Doherty announcing her resignation, with regret. She is moving out of Town and not be eligible to continue.

- 6. Remarks from the public No public.
- 7. Introduction of Speakers No speaker.
- 8. Reports

Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director

Spoke on the virtual programs that began at the start of the pandemic, being one of the first senior centers to implement virtual programs for seniors, the possibility and benefits of continuing to offer services both ways. She spoke on receiving a state grant for a Smart White Board which will allow for more programs within the Center as well as continuing services for homebound seniors. She has done three grant presentations this month and has one more scheduled for the month. The Senior Center has done a "soft opening" with the start of programs and services and is looking to open fuller within the next few weeks. She has also started to prepare the Holiday Food Baskets with her staff & volunteers as much of the food is at the Center at this time. Doherty-Peck finished with the Outreach Worker hours that were added to her Social Services Assistant and how beneficial they have proven to be already. The Outreach worker has already helped keep a senior in her home, that might have otherwise been condemned and found housing for a senior in need, along with many other services. The addition of the Outreach Worker has been a huge help to both the Department and the community.

Billy Caron, Town Council Liaison

Councilor Caron expressed his gratitude to Kathie, her staff, and volunteers for all of their hard work during the pandemic. They worked in the buildings and parking lot throughout and he

stated they did a great job. He also thanked our First Responders, Lt. Radford and Mr. Murphy, for all of their hard work and efforts throughout the pandemic. Councilor Caron reported on the repairs being done to the Old Town Hall, which houses the Social Services Office and that he expects the building to be repaired and maintained going forward. He talked about some of the other issues facing the residents and how we can all work together for the betterment of the community.

Lt Radford, Police Liaison

Reported on the new, and some old, scams that are surfacing and baiting our residents. Spoke on coming to the Center again when fully open to speak to the seniors on this topic. Also spoke about how the pandemic has affected the many, especially those affected by mental illness, and the additional training officers will have for these needs as well as others.

- 9. Old Business Brought new member Murphy up-to-date on our issues and goals with the lack of State of.
- 10. New Business Discussion on the issues affecting our Elderly Housing complexes in Town.
- 11. Remarks from the Public No remarks
- 12. Remarks from the Commission None
- 13. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 10:05 a.m. by Radford and seconded by Ziegler. All in favor.