

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

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Regular Meeting of September 3, 2009

1. Call to Order  
Chair Doherty-Peck called the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging to order on September 3, 2009 at 10:05 in the library at the Senior Center.
2. Roll Call  
Present were Commission members Doherty-Peck, Skinner, MacNeil, and O'Bday.  
Absent were member Ziegler and Liaison Caron.
3. Approval of Minutes  
Motion by MacNeil, seconded by Skinner to approve the minutes of May 7, 2009 as submitted.
4. Approval of Bills  
No bills.
5. Correspondence
  - 1) Letter from State Representative Tom Reynolds in response to letter submitted by Commission with regards to SB104: AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN GIFTS FROM PHARMACEUTICAL AND MEDICAL DEVICE COMPANIES TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. Letter was thanking us for our input and concerns with regards to the bill; bill did not go before the House for a vote but if it appears again, in any version, will take our concerns into consideration. Discussion: Commission pleased bill never came to pass.
  - 2) Letter of resignation from Barbara Meagher from the Commission, effective September 2009. Discussion: With regard but understanding of resignation.
  - 3) Letter from Town Council to Margaret Skinner with regards to interest in being re-appointed as term is to expire in November 2009. Discussion: Margaret assured the Commission she will again seek re-appointment for her term, Commission is very happy.
6. Remarks from Public  
No remarks.
7. Reports
  - A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director
    - 1) Doherty-Peck discussed the formation of a TRIAD in Montville which consists of Peoples Bank, Local Police, and Local Senior Center. Concerns regarding duplication of services and for particular program, Yellow Dot, usually used as Kick-Off of TRIAD. Will keep Commission informed.
    - 2) Senior Center had a great summer with wonderful programs and full attendance. Working on Fall programs and looking for instructors for various programs.
    - 3) Two grants are available for application in November, going to apply for grants for new programs.
  - B. William Caron, Town Council Liaison  
No report.

- C. Report from Janet Eccleston, Club President.  
No report.
  - D. Report from Vice-Chair  
Above.
8. Old Business
- A. GAP – Doherty-Peck reported that GAP program is all set to go. It has been listed in Montville Times, sent to Chanel 20 for posting, and will send article to Montville Times for program. Member O’bday suggested to include information on what the program is and not just start date. All agreed this would be most beneficial as substantial time has passed since program was started.
  - B. Shred-It – The Shred-It program has been set up for October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00pm at the Senior Center. The Program will be open for seniors only from 9:00 – 10:00 am and open to the public from 10:00 – 12:00pm. Program is free to residents. Doherty-Peck reported that she was able to get Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging to pay for the Shred-It program with a cost of \$300.00. Only stipulation is that all advertising for program includes Senior Resources as funding source. All agreed this is more than fair.
9. New Business
- 1) Commission member MacNeil suggested we put together a program for homebound seniors who might be sick, disabled, etc. and provide them with a “care package” which could include books, flowers, card, etc. Also a visiting program for seniors that are sick or homebound as well, to spend time with them. Could also include birthday visit. Discussion ensued with all of the ideas being put into one “friendly visitor” program that could also possibly include kids from the high school to participate. Discussion also included to come up with appropriate name for program as involves different but related issues and we do not want to copy name of other town program. It was decided to work on this worthwhile program as one of our next projects. All in favor.
  - 2) Commission member Skinner suggested as a new program that we have “workshops” with varies topics, including elder law, estate planning, long term care, etc. held at the Senior Center with professionals from each field to hold workshop. It was suggested to hold the workshops quarterly with first workshop to be held after holidays, possibly January. It was decided that the workshops “Senior Workshop” will be called as such with the name of each topic included in promoting each session. It was decided to also work on this valuable program as one of our next projects. Member Skinner will contact an Attorney in Waterford to see if they would be interested in participating. All in favor.
  - 3) The Commission decided with the two programs brought to the table that they would be the only two we work on presently as they would include a substantial amount of effort and time to produce successfully. All in favor.
10. Remarks from Public  
None
11. Remarks from Commission Members, Liaison  
None
12. Adjourn  
Motion by O’bday, seconded by Skinner to adjourn at 10:45 AM. Motion carried.