



AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION
Age Friendly Community Sub-Committee

Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 7, 2024 – 2:30 P.M.
Eno Memorial Hall – Old Court Room IN PERSON
MINUTES Subject to Approval

Jan Beatty, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Jan Beatty, Ed LaMontagne, Libby Easton May, Cheryl Cook, Katie Robbins

EXCUSED: Mike Jennings

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT: No one from the public was in attendance and no comments were received.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting on 1/4/2024

Ms. Robbins moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Jennings seconded. All voted in favor.

Regular Meeting on 2/1/2024

Page one, paragraph 1. Redundant statement regarding Simsbury Newcomers and Simsbury Neighbors.

Ms. Robbins made a motion to accept with correction. Ms. Cook seconded. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Stakeholders/Community Partners:**

Ms. Easton-May – Simsbury Newcomers stated they would not be a good fit. Completed interview with Anthology, but needs to write up comments. Still needs to complete interview with Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department.

➤ **Collation of Data:**

Ms. Beatty will collate the data once all of the summation reports from stakeholders are completed.

➤ **Books to Your Door Bags:**

Ms. Robbins had twenty-eight surveys included with the Library's Books to Your Door bags. Two were returned. Another 20 will be copied and inserted in future bags.

➤ **Meals on Wheels:**

Ms. Beatty is waiting for a response from McLean to add the surveys with the Meals on Wheels Program.

➤ **Dates and Location for Focus Groups**

The Focus Groups will be held as follows:

- April 24th – McLean, Goodrich, Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- April 26th – Simsbury Public Library, Weatogue Room, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- April 27th – Tariffville Trinity Episcopal Church, Time TBD

Ellis Dillon from UCONN has agreed to facilitate the first two focus groups; is unable to attend the third.

➤ **Creating One Page Summary**

A one-page summary of the Age Friendly Program will be developed for a Board of Selectman meeting to be scheduled in May.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Distributing Invitation for Focus Group Members:**

Ms. Beatty distributed a draft invitation to participate in the focus groups. Discussion was held and revisions to the invitation were made.

➤ **Creating Script for Focus Group Facilitator:**

Ms. Beatty shared a script, from the AARP/Livability Roadmap, which could be used by Ellis Dillon when she facilitates the focus groups.

➤ **April Aging and Disability Forum:**

Ms. Beatty will be presenting information on the Age Friendly Community Program during the Aging and Disability Commission Forum on April 9th at the Simsbury Public Library.

➤ **Upcoming AARP Age Friendly Webinars:**

The following are upcoming AARP Age Friendly webinars for the next two months:

March: Creative Ways that Communities are Engaging Volunteers

Tuesday, March 12th, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

<https://events.aarp.org/OPR9ve?locale=en>

April: Addressing Housing Issues

Tuesday, April 9th, 3:00 PM to 4:00 P.M.

<https://events.aarp.org/wrxA7o?locale=en>

OTHER

➤ No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

➤ There being no further business, Ms. Beatty adjourned the meeting at 3: 32 pm.

Next Meeting: **April 4, 2024 at 2:30 pm** in person Eno Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted:

Edward J. LaMontagne

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Clerk