

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2009 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 11:02 A.M. by Jenifer Charette

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Donna Doyker, Barbara Flebotte, Dorothy Hillman, Tony Pellegrino and Arlene Yarnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti and Myrtle Pixley

AUDIENCE: Sue King

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of December 9, 2008 approved, with necessary corrections, by motion of Arlene Yarnes with a second by Dottie Hillman. All members present were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meals on Wheels – Sue King reported that the Town is currently looking for a grant to help support the delivery services. It has been noted, however, that billing errors exist regarding subsidies on this program. Corrections need to be made to the current Excel program. Full costs of the meal total \$4.00 for the hot meal and \$3.00 for the cold meal. Donations to the MOW program are always welcomed.

Senior Lunches – Arlene Yarnes reported that the next lunch will be held on Tuesday, February 25. This lunch will be at the Somers Congregational Church. The March lunch will be at the Somersville Congregational Church, April will be sponsored by the Somers Women's Club at the Somers Congregational Church, and May will be at the high school.

Senior Citizens Club – Arlene Yarnes reported that the Christmas party in December hosted 100 seniors and a good time was had by all. Chris Howland of Howland and Sargeant needs to be thanked for his generous donation of a new side-by-side refrigerator to be enjoyed by our seniors for many years to come.

Senior Sign – Donna Doyker reported the sign will read "Forget injuries – never forget kindnesses."

School Liaison – Donna Doyker reported there is nothing new on this topic.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti has gone south for a couple of months but will be keeping in touch with her clients via cards, email, etc..

Communications – Barbara Flebotte reported that the newsletter is being taken over by Jenifer Charette. Printing of the last newsletter was done by Falcone Press. Barbara

Flebotte and Donna Doyker are in the process of doing mailings and securing ads for the upcoming newsletters. Dottie Hillman stated there needs to be a better/easier way to present the residents of the new Woodcrest housing with their copies of the newsletters. Perhaps placing receptacles at each entrance door would be helpful. Printed business cards are also needed to present to people as their dues are paid. This is something that could probably be done in house.

OLD BUSINESS:

Questions for Survey – All members have a list of the current questions for the survey. It is hoped more questions will come to mind. The following comments were made by Barbara Flebotte regarding the current list of questions:

- ♥ With regard to question Do you own a computer? If so, are you familiar with Somersnow.Com? Addition needed: Are you familiar with Somers.gov?
- ♥ Do you know how to contact any of the Somers municipal employees?
- ♥
- ♥ Are you familiar with the criteria for admission to any of the eldercare facilities in the area?

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Donna Doyker, second by Barbara Flebotte, stating that in the future, when advertising funds might be more available, a stained glass should be purchased in honor of Alvina and Jim Burgess and their outstanding work with the development/running of the Meals on Wheels Program.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 12:10 by motion of Donna Doyker and second by Barbara Flebotte.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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