

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 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, Sue King and Arlene Yarnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti

AUDIENCE: Eileen Drumm of Home & Community Health Services, Inc.who spoke to the Board briefly about their hospice services and an interest in holding bereavement sessions at the senior center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of January 13, 2009 approved, with necessary corrections, by motion of Sue King with a second by Donna Doyker. All members present were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meals on Wheels – Sue King reported that the billing errors found on the Excel program are not actual errors. All recipients of MOW have been granted the same subsidy in the past due to donations received at MOW.

Senior Lunches – Arlene Yarnes reported that the next lunch will be held on Tuesday, February 24. 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 movies are held every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. Interest has been good. A valentines party will be held at tomorrow’s luncheon followed by a Mardi Gras the following week. Financial issues will be discussed at the next Club board meeting. A bus trip to New York City at a cost of \$33 is currently being planned for April 22.

Senior Sign – Donna Doyker reported the sign will read “Business Advertisements in Senior Newsletter.”

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

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is on vacation but will be keeping in touch with her clients via cards, email, etc.

Communications – Barbara Flebotte reported that she and Donna Doyker have been working hard on securing advertisements for the newsletter. As of this date, there are two confirmed advertisers as well as possibly three more showing much interest. Information was sent out to about 100 businesses. Follow-up telephone calls will be made to these businesses as time allows. There is also a need for an up-to-date listing of the seniors in town. Pat Juda of the Tax Assessors Office may be able to help us with this. We need a list of seniors prepared using birth dates as the criteria. Jenifer will be looking into this for us.

OLD BUSINESS:

Woodcrest/Housing Authority Concerns – It has been determined that DeMarco Management will be leaving and a new company will be taking over the management of Woodcrest. It is hoped that Cheryl Lollier and Cindy Parker will be able to hold their positions at the housing complex. A trip to Woodcrest by this board is planned for Friday, February 20 at 1:00. We will meet at the senior center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible New Programs – Barbara Flebotte mentioned that our seniors might be interested in making a memorial donation to the senior center/senior center club in memory of a loved one. After some discussion, a motion was made by Arlene Yarnes, with a second by Dottie Hillman, to establish a fund for control of these donations and put something in an upcoming newsletter regarding these memorials. All board members present were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 12:30 by motion of Donna Doyker and second by Barbara Flebotte.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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