

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2009 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 11:10 A.M. by Jenifer Charette

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Barbara Flebotte, Dorothy Hillman and Arlene Yarnes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Bachetti, Donna Doyker, Sue King

**AUDIENCE:** Laurie Boudreau – Laurie came with a proposal to offer hairdressing services a couple of times a month here at the senior center or at Woodcrest. Board members felt there were several items that needed to be looked into before we proceed any further with this issue. Items in question include insurance questions, permits, scheduling problems, etc. Jenifer will try to get answers on these issues for us.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting of February 10, 2009 approved by motion of Barbara Flebotte with a second by Dottie Hillman. All members present were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Meals on Wheels – Neither Sue King nor Dave Pinney were present.

Senior Lunches – Arlene Yarnes reported that the next lunch will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at the Somersville Congregational Church. The April lunch 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 St Patrick's Day will be celebrated at the lunch on March 11. A bereavement group will be started on April 7 if there is interest in doing this. A bus trip to New York City at a cost of \$33 is currently being planned for April 22.

Senior Sign – Donna Doyker was not present.

School Liaison – Donna Doyker was not present.

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

Senior Newsletter – Jenifer reorted that the March/April newsletter is currently at the printers. Barbara Flebotte reported that she and Donna Doyker have been working hard on securing advertisements for the newsletter. As of this date, there are four confirmed

advertisers. It is hoped that Barbara and Donna will be talking with/visiting other businesses in the future. Also in the newsletter is information on tax relief for seniors and veterans.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Newsletter/Fund Donations – Barbara Flebotte reported a need to go slow and really think through how donations should be handled. It needs to be known where the funds will go and a definite plan needs to be established. We must move slowly on this so that we do it correctly.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Possible New Programs – Nothing new on this at the present time.

**COMMENTS:**

This Board has expressed concerns endlessly regarding the operation of the handicap door and the poor lighting in this building. Many of the overhead lights do not work and some blink so bad that complaints are being received from the bingo players. It seems that our concerns fall on deaf ears. Can anything be done to help resolve these issues?

A thank-you note will be sent to Cheryl Lallier at Woodcrest . Cheryl took the time on Friday, March 6 to give a tour to members of the Advisory Board. We had the opportunity to walk through the premises and were able to view a couple of the apartments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment at 12:10 by motion of Arlene Yarnes and second by Elaine Bemont.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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