

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2009 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 11:06 A.M. by Jenifer Charette

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Donna Doyker, Barbara Flebotte, Dorothy Hillman, Susan King and Arlene Yarnes. Also present was First Selectman David Pinney.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**AUDIENCE:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting of May 12, 2009 approved by motion of Barbara Flebotte with a second by Arlene Yarnes. All members present were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Secretary read memo written to Marcia Mitchell regarding putting the newsletter on line with instructions as to how to get to it and memo written to Julie Anone regarding flu shots to be held at the senior center in the fall.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairperson's Report – Jenifer reported that the parking lot will be lined as soon as there are two dry days in a row and slow activity at the senior center. \*The automatic door is going to be fixed. Town employees Bob Cafferole and John Collins are working on this issue. A new switch is needed – it is more than just the battery. \*The outside lights remain on all night. It is believed that a sensor switch either needs to be replaced or adjusted. \*Joe Bailey is still planning on creating a garden on the senior center property as part of his Eagle project. \*Cindy Parker of Woodcrest will be using a sign-up system for special events requiring the use of the senior bus. \*Substitute bus drivers are needed to fill the void from vacations, etc. \*Jenifer has contacted CL&P regarding energy efficient lights for the senior center. She is waiting for a call back from them. David Pinney announced that the town has received some stimulus money which contains funds for the Town to work on the light issue. David is meeting with representatives from CL&P on Thursday and may have more information for us next month. Barbara Flebotte is very interested in solar energy and has volunteered her services to Dave Pinney if she can be of assistance. \*A walking group has been established and has been walking on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Walking has been postponed until the parking lot has been finished at Woodcrest.

Meals on Wheels – Sue King reported that the MOW program has acquired two new drivers. Problem with meat identification has been resolved with the Plaza Restaurant. It turns out that there was no problem ever existing.

Senior Lunches – Arlene Yarnes reported there will be no more outside meals until September. This will be held at the high school.

Senior Citizens Club – Arlene Yarnes reported that the summer picnic will be held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. A flyer is in place showing what people need to bring for this event. \*Arlene has also printed out a flyer showing the listing of concerts to be held during the month of July. The newspaper article on this activity was so small it would be missed by many people. \*A wii bowling contest will be held soon. Our wii is now set up on a TV permanently and is there for anyone to practice at any time. \*Representatives from the North Central Area on Aging came this morning to do a presentation of personal protection, ID theft, fraud, etc. Unfortunately, they arrived after the Tuesday morning donut session was over and people had gone home. It is hoped to have them come back on a Wednesday to give their presentation to the lunch crowd.

Senior Sign – Donna Doyker will post something congratulating the class of 2009..

School Liaison – This issue will come to rest for the time being.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she has lost two people and is now down to three clients. She will be keeping in touch with them over the summer as time allows.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Lights for Senior Center Building – Jenifer has spoken with a representative of CL&P regarding any available grants to provide new lighting to the center. Dave Pinney is also working this issue. New funds are available that may make this project happen.

Home and Community – It is hoped to have someone talk to the seniors about “Beat the Heat” early in July and about nutrition early in August.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Newsletter – Barbara Flebotte raised some questions as to the cost of printing/ mailing the newsletter. She presented a couple of other printing alternatives for our review – some of which are free. It was generally felt that we should continue on as we are as long as the financial issues are resolved. Dave Pinney will look into getting us a detailed explanation of how the finances work on this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment at 12:05 by motion of Barbara Flebotte and second by Arlene Yarnes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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