

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2009 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 11:15 by Jenifer Charette.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Dorothy Hillman, Susan King and Arlene Yarnes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Bachetti, Donna Doyker and Barbara Flebotte

**AUDIENCE:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of June 9, 2009 meeting with noted corrections by motion of Arlene Yarnes with a second by Susan King.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Jenifer received a letter from the Four Town Fair Committee regarding the seniors' possible interest in having a float in the Fair parade on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairperson's Report - \*The next newsletter will be going out around September 1. Because Jenifer will be going on vacation, all items need to be given to her by the end of July. \*Newsletter naming contest is in process. More will be discussed on this at the next meeting. \*Joe Bailey is still interested in doing an Eagle Project garden on the senior center grounds. This project will be started later this year and will extend into next summer. It is expected to be located where the picnic tables now reside. \*It is hoped to get some landscaping/beautification of the senior center grounds in the near future. \*Much building maintenance needs to be done but the weather has been against doing this. Finer weather should bring some progress in this regard. Parking lot layout is in the works and will be done shortly. \*A representative from ConnSave Energy checked over the lighting in the senior center and agrees that we are in dire need of improvements. Let's see what happens. \*Sgt. Claudio, our resident trooper, will be having space in future newsletters for items of interest to our people.

Meals on Wheels – Susan King reported that things are going well and there are no changes at this time.

Senior Lunches – Outside lunches will resume in September. Arlene Yarnes is sending out reminders to the various churches and the high school to verify their commitments.

Senior Citizens Club – \*The annual picnic will be held on Saturday July 18 at the senior center. Let's all come and have a good time. \*There will be a Yankees/Red Sox game showing at the Center on Saturday, August 22 at 4:00. Free hot dogs, soda, pop corn, peanuts, etc. Game is open to all seniors in town. \*Sunday afternoon movies are going over well. There are 10 – 12 people attending these movies. Popcorn is being provided

by Geisslers. \*Gentleman will be speaking on July 29<sup>th</sup> after lunch on reverse mortgages – information session only. \*Nomination forms for American Heroes will be available at the senior center for those wishing to fill one out. Champs' Place, the Somers Food Pantry, is a non-profit organization in need of your consideration. See Arlene Yarnes if you have any questions about this.

Senior Sign – Donna was not present. Sign should reference Blood Drive that will be held on July 31.

School Liaison – Nothing new at this time.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti was not present this month.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Lights for Senior Center Building – See comments under Chairman's column.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting Date – Time Change – By motion made by Arlene Yarnes with a second by Dottie Hillman, it was agreed to hold all future meetings at 11:30 rather than 11:00. Current time is in conflict with another meeting that Jenifer has to attend. It was agreed to hold the August meeting on Tuesday, August 4 at 11:30 due to Jenifer going on vacation. This would be classified as a special meeting because of the change.

Four Town Fair Parade – Arlene will speak to members at the Wednesday lunch to see if there is interest in decorating a float to be driven in the parade. The senior bus could also be used. The fair committee needs to know our decision by September 3. This will be discussed more deeply at the August 4, 2009 special meeting.

**COMMENTS:**

Susan King asked if there was some type of town recognition program for various projects done by the Eagle Scouts, MOW commemoration to Alvina Burgess, etc.. Perhaps plaques should be placed where the projects have been completed. Susan will look further into this.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 12:08 by motion of Susan King with a second by Arlene Yarnes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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