

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2009 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 11:38 by Jenifer Charette. This was considered a special meeting because it was being held one week earlier than scheduled due to vacations.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Susan King, Arlene Yarnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti, Donna Doyker, Barbara Flebotte, Dorothy Hillman

AUDIENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of July 14, 2009 meeting with noted correction by motion of Susan King with a second by Arlene Yarnes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jenifer prepared a letter going out to various businesses requesting help in providing some plants/shrubs/perennials/stone etc. to help beautify the senior center grounds. Labor will be provided for free.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *The next newsletter will be going out around September 1. Because Jenifer will be going on vacation, newsletter is being prepared now and will be completed when she returns in time for distribution by September 1. *Joe Bailey is still interested in doing an Eagle Scout Project garden on the senior center grounds. This project will be started later this year and will extend into next summer. *Wii bowling tournament will be held at the Enfield Senior Center on Sunday, September 12 at noon. *HealthNet representative will talk about Medicare after a Wednesday lunch on November 4, 2009. *Jenifer is trying to get someone from AARP or VITA to help with taxes at our senior center. *Senior Center bus broke down and needed brakes. Bus is now back in operation.

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 has sent out reminders to the various churches and the high school to verify their commitments.

Senior Citizens Club – *The annual picnic was held on Saturday July 18 at the senior center. Forty-five seniors attended. *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. *Trip is being planned for a visit to the Butterfly Farm. Sign-ups are in process. *Backpacks and school supplies will be collected for

the needy kids going back to school. These will be put together on Friday, August 21 at 1:00. Help is needed to fill these backpacks. *Senior buses will be decorated and driven in the Four Town Fair parade in September. Help will be needed with this project. *The Somers Seniors can have a free booth at the Somers Arts and Crafts fair on Sunday, September 6th. More details will soon be available on this.

Senior Sign – Donna was not present. Sign will reference Red Sox Game on August 22 and Schools Open – Drive Slow after that.

School Liaison – Nothing new at this time. Susan King was going to talk with Donna Doyker about this. She felt she has some input that might help get this going.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti was not present this month but sent a note saying she has kept in touch with four of her folks and has spoken on the phone with one regularly. She is planning a small pizza party in August for her clients and is also planning to hold an auction at the end of August/early September.

OLD BUSINESS:

Four Town Fair Parade – Senior buses will be in the parade. People are needed to help decorate and ride the buses.

Butterfly Farm – Sign-up sheet is available for those interested in taking this trip. One or two buses could be used for this event. Prices and date available shortly.

Red Sox Game – This will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday, August 22 at 4 o'clock. Free hot dogs, popcorn, etc. will be available. This is open to all town seniors.

NEW BUSINESS:

HealthNet – A representative from Health Net will speak about medicare programs at a luncheon on November 4th.

School Supplies – Jenifer is collecting school supplies and backpacks for needy children as they get ready for back to school. A box will be placed outside her office for collection of these items. Help will be needed to prepare these goods for distribution on Friday, August 21 at 1:00 at the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:30 by motion of Susan King with a second by Arlene Yarnes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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