

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

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jenifer Charette at 11:32 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Donna Doyker, and Arlene Yarnes,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Flebotte, Dorothy Hillman and Susan King

AUDIENCE:

Cindy Parker of Woodcrest. *Cindy announced that she might not be there much longer because there is no longer a grant for Senior Services Coordinator. *Woodcrest is in need of an activities director. *New leases need to be carefully checked. *Phase 3 of Woodcrest may not happen. *Cindy has some free shredders that she will donate to the senior center for use by people there.

Lisa Pellegrini – Lisa is the town's newly elected First Selectwoman and was at our meeting to sit in and ask questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of October 13, 2009 meeting by motion of Pat Bachetti with a second by Arlene Yarnes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None received this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *November/December newsletter went out on time. *Addresses meant for Somersville need to be checked out. *Trips are being planned to Yankee Candle and Bright Nights. *Possible bus trips may come to be for Monday and Friday shopping trips. *Also possible is a night bus for going to bingo games. *Bus is currently at inspection by the DMV. *Fitness equipment has been delivered to Kibbe Fuller and will soon be in operation. *New lighting is in place and the automatic door has been repaired. *Lead in place for receipt of some good used but not abused computers. *AARP will be in here in February for the preparation of income taxes. *Social Services will be holding their Adopt-a-family program. *Norma Meyer's tenure has expired. Easter Seals was given 15 names to interview as Norma's replacement but no action has been taken yet. This is a position that really needs to be filled.

Meals on Wheels – Susan King was absent this month so there was no report.

Senior Lunches – The next outside lunch will be held in February at the Congregational church in Somers.

Senior Citizens Club – *Club is getting ready for Christmas luncheon which will be held on December 16. Everyone will be getting a gift. *Xmas tree is being decorated on Saturday, December 5 at 11:00. *Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on November 18 and a turkey dinner will be the featured meal. *Sheet available for crafts sign-up. Painting will be done on Saturdays and Sundays starting November 21 at 10:00. *Nominating committee is in place. *No Toys for Tots will be collected this year. Instead, charitable donations will be accepted to help the needy families in town.

Senior Sign – Donna said sign will reference Happy Thanksgiving to all.

School Liaison – This item will be deleted because it has come to a standstill. Perhaps it is something that can be reinstated at a later date.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is currently working with five people, four active, and is sending out cards, baking for them, etc. Personal issues have limited Pat in doing all she would like with these people at this time. If anyone knows of a Somers resident at Blair Manor, please let Pat know and she will include them in her program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norma Meyer has completed her assignment at the Senior Center. We are now waiting for Easter Seals to interview prospective applicants and make a selection to fill this position.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. by motion of Arlene Yarnes with a second by Pat Bachetti.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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