

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jenifer Charette at 11:35 A.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti and Donna Doyker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of December 8, 2009 meeting by motion of Arlene Yarnes with a second by Susan King..

AUDIENCE: Judith Snyder, Somers Community Health & Wellness Association, Inc. - Judith spoke to the board regarding the recent seasonal flu and H1N1 flu clinics held in Somers. Approximately 400 people have been vaccinated. She is also enlisting our help in a proposed Health Fair to be held at the high school in early October. Details still need to be worked out for this. This would be held in conjunction with a flu clinic. Among things needed would be an avenue for fundraising for the Somers Health & Wellness Association, a possible baked goods sale, Senior Center information, Meals on Wheels info, etc. Arlene Yarnes has resigned from the VNA board and Judith is hoping a replacement VNA liaison person could be found to fill her shoes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *January/February newsletter in preparation. *Advertisement expiration dates will need to be checked for those ads appearing in our newsletter. *Brian Wilcox Sr. has volunteered to be a handyman at the Center and help out wherever he is needed. *AARP will be in here in February for the preparation of income taxes. Days and times need to be worked out. *Florence Hurley has been hired by Easter Seals and is a welcomed addition to our Center. *Jordan Chatis has been appointed to the Board. *Stepping Up exercise classes have been temporarily moved to the town hall while a mold problem is being taken care of at Kibbe Fuller.

Meals on Wheels – Susan King reported that things are going good. Florence will help Susan take over the billing for this program. There are several new clients (currently 17 people) getting meals six days a week. There are thirty-five volunteer drivers at this time. Rockville Bank made a one-time donation to this program.

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

Senior Citizens Club –*Club Christmas party was a great success. Can’t figure out why seats were sold out, paid for, and some people were no-shows. *There will be a speaker from the Enfield VNA on the 20th of January to talk about “Winter Woes”. *Driver safety programs will be held in March and June with Bev Morin as contact person.

Senior Sign – Donna was absent but board agreed sign should read “Think Spring”.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is currently in Florida but will be keeping in touch with her special people.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jordan Chatis has been welcomed as a new member to the Advisory Board. He would like to see a special thank-you in the newsletter for those businesses who have been great benefactors to the senior center and its people.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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