

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 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, Susan King and Arlene Yarnes,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Bachetti and Dorothy Hillman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of January 12, 2010 meeting by motion of Susan King with a second by Arlene Yarnes.

**AUDIENCE:** Judith Snyder, Somers Community Health & Wellness Association, Inc. - Judith spoke to the board regarding a Health Fair being planned for April 10, 2010 at the Somers Town Hall. It is hoped to have 24 - 25 vendors. The Senior Center should sponsor a booth and perhaps hold a bake sale or serve refreshments. Arlene Yarnes will discuss this matter with her club members in a week. Any ideas are welcome. Judith also mentioned that she is a member of the Scantic River Watershed Association – a conservation group – and would like to provide a speaker at one of our lunch meetings as well as getting anecdotes from our members on experiences, memories, etc. they have of the Scantic River.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter received from Pat Bachetti in Florida letting us know that she keeps in contact with her people via telephone, cards, etc. Pat will be back with us shortly and said all was going well in Florida.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairperson's Report - \*Next newsletter will be going out on time. Last one was late due to the holiday season and all that was going on. \*Woodcrest residents will start getting their newsletter mailed to them rather than being hand-delivered. \*Mr. Wilcox continues to be a big help at the center. \*Septic problem has been corrected and now works fine. \*Senior news now appears in the Journal Inquirer, North Central News, and Reminder. \*Ads will be running out. Donna Doyker and Jordan Chatis will review these and try to procure some new ads. Donna said it is important that ad funds stay in special account and not get transferred to the general fund. \*Upcoming speakers at Wednesday lunches are as follows:

February 24	Heart Health Month
March 3 or 24	Cooking Demo for One or Two
March 31	Social security Representative
April 7	Electric company deregulation and cable
April 28	Kidney Foundation

Meals on Wheels – Susan King reported that things are going good. She has taken over the billing and all subsidies have been taken off. Donations would be gladly accepted. Judith Snyder told Susan that the Somers Community Health & Wellness Association may be of help to her.

Senior Lunches – The expected lunch at the Somers Congregational Church in February will not take place. No one notified Arlene Yarnes of this until she went checking it out.

Senior Citizens Club – \*Tomorrow's lunch has been called off due to the expected snow storm. Valentine's party will be held next Wednesday instead. \*It is hoped to have a lunch at the Somersville Congregational Church in March. Arlene will check out if the Women's Club will hold their lunch for us in April. \*Trip being planned to New York for May 12. \*Nominations for club officers will be presented on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Sign – Donna said outside board reads "Think Positive – Think Spring".

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is currently in Florida but continues to keep in touch with her special people.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Newsletter – Jordan Chatis remarked how our newsletter keeps getting better and better. It is very informative reading for our seniors.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Health Fair – It is hoped that our seniors will be supportive of a booth at the upcoming Health Fair. More discussion on this will take place at our Wednesday lunches.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M. by motion of Donna Doyker with a second by Arlene Yarnes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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