

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF MARCH 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, Donna Doyker and Dorothy Hillman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti, Susan King and Arlene Yarnes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of February 9, 2010 meeting by motion of Dottie Hillman with a second by Jordan Chatis.

AUDIENCE: Marilyn Smith – Representative of the Somers Community Health and Wellness Association – Marilyn is expected to be named to this board by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers and will be our interface with the Wellness Assn.

Judith Snyder was also at our meeting and spoke of how her plans for a Health Fair on April 10th seem to be in jeopardy. It is hoped that this event can be scheduled for a later date. There are too many conflicting events happening on this date. More information will follow in the future. We were also informed that a flu clinic for the general population will be held on Saturday, October 2 at one of the local schools. A flu clinic strictly for the seniors will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, October 12 – by appointment – from one to four o'clock. A cholesterol screening event is still in question as this was going to be part of the health fair.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *Newsletter is running late because of problems at the printing office. It is hoped that this will be fixed very soon. *Jenifer suggested that perhaps we could advertise on our senior bus just like the Enfield Dial-a-Ride does. Jordan Chatis is going to look further into this. *Jenifer also suggested that this building is in dire need of some upgrades such as indoor painting, rug cleaning, etc. We realize this is a town building but the funds are not there to cover these extras at this time.

Meals on Wheels – Susan King sent a report stating that all is well and payments are being made to the Plaza Restaurant. A letter has been drafted to go to local businesses and civic organizations around town seeking donations to this program. There are currently 12 clients and another driver volunteer has been obtained.

Senior Lunches – The next outside lunch will be at the Somersville Congregational Church on March 23.

Senior Citizens Club –Arlene Yarnes was not here today so there was no further club news.

Senior Sign – Donna said outside board will tell of an upcoming trip to NYC on May 12.

Correspondence/Publicity – Jordan Chatis reported that he and Donna Doyker will meet soon to discuss advertisements, etc.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is currently in Florida but should be back for our April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jordan Chatis showed the board a newspaper article relative to the rate charges for delivery of electricity to homes and businesses. It appeared that this could be a project the Board could help spearhead along with the local government to help save money for the town and its people. Jordan and Donna Doyker will speak with Lisa Pellegrini and others in town to see if there is interest in going further with this idea. Board members were willing to give it a try.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M. by motion of Donna Doyker with a second by Jordan Chatis.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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