

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2010 MEETING**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Jordan Chatis, Donna Doyker, Dorothy Hillman, Susan King, Marilyn Smith and Arlene Yarnes.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of March 9, 2010.

AUDIENCE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *Jenifer has spoken with First Selectwoman Lisa Pellegrini regarding the condition of the senior center building. It needs to be cleaned on a regular basis and needs work both inside and out. A plan needs to be devised to have this done, i.e. a custodial staff, etc. *A grant is being pursued to repair/repave the parking lot so that it can be marked for parking spots. *A garden project by Boy Scout Joe Bailey is still being planned. He is currently working on garden beds to be used for this purpose. *Tax preparation at the senior center was very successful. Thirty-five seniors had their taxes prepared here. *Newsletter for May/June is in the preparation stage. *Bingo players enjoyed a birthday celebration with cake made by Flo Hurley. This will become a once-a-month event. *Flo Hurley and Arlene Yarnes will be sending out birthday cards to club members as a method of keeping in touch. *Trip to New York City is selling well and there are still some seats available. *Somers Senior News now appears in the Journal Inquirer and North Central News on a monthly basis.

Meals on Wheels – Susan King said all is going well at this time. A letter has been drafted to go to local businesses and civic organizations around town seeking donations to this program. A donation of \$250 was recently received from the Somers Community Health & Welfare Association.

Senior Lunches/Senior Club – The next outside lunch will be at the Somers Congregational Church on April 20 sponsored by the Somers Women's Club. *On Thursday, April 15th, a free supper will be held at the Somers Congregational Church but you need to call to sign up for this event. *Movies are now being held on Sunday afternoons. *On May 2, there will be a walk at East Windsor. *Painting on Saturday/Sunday will continue if there is enough interest. This seems to be fading. *On

April 28, there will be a speaker at the luncheon from the Kidney foundation. *On May 5, there will be a speaker at the luncheon on arthritis.

Senior Sign – Donna said outside board will tell of an upcoming trip to NYC on May 12. If anyone knows of something new to put on sign, please let Donna know.

Correspondence/Publicity – Jordan Chatis reported that he has looked deeply into the subject of advertising and has reached some stumbling blocks. First of all, advertising on the bus has proven to be more work/expensive than it is worth. He has put together a sheet with various prices and sizes of ads for our local newsletter but it will be very time consuming to contact all perspective vendors. It is hoped that we can find a senior who is willing to put the time into perhaps taking on this project. We can advise as to what to do but we are not always able to handle the projects ourselves.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is back from Florida and ready to meet with her clients again. If you know of anyone from Somers at Blair Manor or Evergreen, please let Pat know and she will check in on them. She kept in contact with her people while she was away. Unfortunately, several of them passed away.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Senior Advisory Board hopes to meet with the Town Selectmen on Thursday, April 29 at 6:00 to air our thoughts on building/ground maintenance and future electricity for the town.

It is also hoped to find a senior willing to take on the process of getting ads and following up with vendors on ads for our newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:40P.M. by motion of Susan King with a second by Donna Doyker.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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