

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF JULY 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, Ailene Henry, Jordan Chatis. Dorothy Hillman, Marilyn Smith and Arlene Yarnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of June 8, 2010 with a motion by Marilyn Smith and a second by Dottie Hillman.

AUDIENCE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *Question came up as to who would be able to attend a meeting in August. Motion was made by Arlene Yarnes with a second by Dottie Hillman to cancel this meeting due to vacation conflicts, etc. *Jen told the Board about various problems arising with both the old and new busses. Town is in the process of trying to buy the new bus but has had problems getting it through inspection at the DMV. Handle needed for the door is on back order. Old bus has had its share of problems also. Town Garage personnel are doing their best to help with the situation. *Newsletter is running late this month because of a virus problem on Jen's computer. Newsletter is now at the printers and will be distributed as soon as possible. *Ailene Henry has been appointed to the board as Donna Doyker's replacement. Her email address is "rahenry4@att.net. We look forward to working with Ailene. She would like to reach out to the frail seniors in town who are unable to come to the senior center, etc. *Karen Norrie is also in the process of being appointed to this board. We welcome Karen also.

*A Small Town Economic grant has been received and ideas are needed as to the best way to use this money. Suggestions included building an addition to the building to cut down on interference with too many things going on at one time, finding a way to divide the current facility, fixing the parking lot here and the sidewalk to Woodcrest and the cemetery, repair/replace those items needing fixing, etc. Ailene suggested we should have a hands-free towel dispenser or blowers in the rest rooms and sensor faucets that come on without being turned on and off by the seniors. Jen is open to receiving any other suggestions people might have for this money. Ideas need to be presented by the end of the week.

Meals on Wheels – Susan King reported that MOW presently serves 13 clients and all is going well. Susan has sent out letters to 72 people/businesses asking for donations to the MOW fund. So far, four people have responded. It is hoped that more people will respond in the near future.

Senior Lunches/Senior Club – *Arlene reported that the outside senior lunches are done until September when we should again be going to the high school for lunch. *A cookout/barbecue is planned for Saturday, July 17th at the senior center. Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. will be provided by the club and the members are asked to bring salads, appetizers, desserts, etc. *The selectmen have approved the purchase of paint for the walls of the senior center. They will be painted a light green color. Date for this will be determined by Arlene and the Town Selectwoman Lisa Pellegrini.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she is currently working with three local people at Blair Manor. An auction is being planned for the near future. She will also try to bring some of her people to the concerts if weather is right. She keeps in touch with her clients by sending cards, visiting, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somers Community Health and Wellness Association – Marilyn Smith reported that a health fair has been set up for October 2 at the Somers Elementary School from 10 to 1 o'clock. In addition, a flu clinic will be held at the senior center on October 12 from 1 to 4 o'clock. Judith Snyder of the Wellness Association would like to encourage seniors to attend the health fair and get their shots at the Somers Elementary School.

Senior Busses – The bus situation is not good as noted in the Chairperson's comments. We hope this situation can be remedied soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Somers Seniors Resource Guide – Ailene Henry has volunteered to work with Florence Hurley in getting this guide up to date. Current information is from the year 2005.

Goals for the Advisory Board – A motion was made by Pat Bachetti with a second by Jordan Chatis to set goals for this board to aim for in the coming year. More details on this will follow soon.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M. by motion of Elaine Bemont with a second by Marilyn Smith..

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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