

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 MEETING**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Jordan Chatiss, Ailene Henry, Dorothy Hillman, Karen Norrie, Marilyn Smith and Arlene Yarnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of July 13, 2010 with a motion by Jordan Chatiss and a second by Ailene Henry.

AUDIENCE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *New bus (2006) has been purchased and inspected. Service to this bus will be provided by Street Fleet Mechanical of Bloomfield. Inspections will take place approximately every three months. *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. *Newsletter for August and September went out. October/November issue is currently being prepared. *Flu clinic for seniors, by appointment, will be held at the senior center on October 12. CVS has also offered to come by and give flu shots at a later date if necessary. *Date or time of October meeting needs to be adjusted because it is scheduled for the same day as the flu shots. It was agreed to move the meeting to the lower level of the Town Hall and hold the meeting at 10:00 instead of 11:30. *Painting of the inside of the building should be completed within a week or so. New blinds have been received and will be installed shortly.

Meals on Wheels – No report this month..

Senior Lunches/Senior Club – *Four Town Fair parade will be held on Saturday. A float is being prepared for this event and it is hoped to win first place again. *Arlene reported that there will be a senior lunch held at Somers High School at noon on September 28th.

Sign-up sheet is available at the desk and is limited to sixty people due to size of room available. * The Dion luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 20. Money for this lunch will be collected in advance to be sure people who sign up attend. Money will then be rolled over to the Christmas Party, as the Dion lunch is really free. *Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 29th. It is hoped that some people will come in costume to add to the festivities.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti was not present at this meeting.

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. Jordan Chatis has volunteered to man a booth advertising the Somers Senior Center at the Health Fair. We thank Jordan for his interest in doing this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Somers Seniors Resource Guide – Ailene Henry and Karen Norrie have volunteered to work with Florence Hurley in getting this guide up to date. Current information is from the year 2005. It is hoped to have this new guide available by the first of the year.

New E'Mail List – Copy of list showing all current members was given to the board members.

Town of Somers Policy for the Senior Advisory Board – A copy of paperwork Elaine had in her folder stating the responsibilities and duties of this board was given to all Advisory Board members. It is hoped to review this sheet at next month's meeting.

COMMENTS:

Jordan Chatis raised the question as to whether we should come up with a new name for the senior center to help attract more people. He also commented on having interesting speakers at some of the lunches and also reaching out to some of the shut-ins in town.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M. by motion of Jordan Chatis with a second by Marilyn Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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