

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2010 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Jenifer Charette at 11:30 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Ailene Henry and Karen Norrie, Marilyn Smith and Arlene Yarnes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jordan Chatis and Dorothy Hillman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of October 12, 2010 with a motion by Pat Bachetti and a second by Marilyn Smith with noted correction.

**AUDIENCE:** Lisa Pellegrini

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairperson's Report - \*Kitchen is still in need of painting. \*Storage shed needs to be built before winter. \*Rug will be cleaned over the Thanksgiving holiday shutdown. \*Lisa Pellegrini still needs suggestions as to how to best update the Senior Center. \*Blood drive and election both went well at the Center. \*Newsletter should be ready for mailing by the first of December. \*AARP will again offer tax help at the Center starting in January. \*John Tetrault would like to conduct a chair massage therapy program at the Center if there is an interest in doing this. He will be speaking at one of the January luncheon meetings. \*Everything seems to be ok at present with the bus situation. \*Looking into the possibility of CRT providing meals at Woodcrest and the Center.

Meals on Wheels – No report this month.

Senior Lunches/Senior Club – \*Four Town Fair committee sent the Senior Center Club a check for \$20 as a prize for the float in the recent parade. \*Halloween Party was a huge success. About 40 people attended – most of them were in costume. \*Christmas Party is being planned for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Limit will be 100 people. \*A bus will be in use to drive the seniors to the Kof C for their holiday party. \*Price for weekly luncheon meals has been raised to \$6.00. An additional \$1.00 is paid by the town.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she is currently seeing two people at the nursing facility. An auction is being planned for the December time period. If anyone knows of a Somers resident at Blair Manor, please let Pat know and she will stop by to see them.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Somers Community Health and Wellness Association – Marilyn Smith stated that the fair went well. More than 100 people received flu shots and were happy with the various vendors there. Door prizes were given out. Feedback indicates people would like to see another health fair next year.

Somers Seniors Resource Guide – Ailene Henry, Florence Hurley and Karen Norrie have volunteered to work on 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. It is hoped to have a copy available for our December meeting for our review.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Senior Club By-laws – Question arose as to whether this board needs to see the by-laws of the Somers Senior Center Club. After much discussion, it was felt that there really was no reason why a copy of these by-laws could not or should not be made available.

Advisory Board Duties – Pat Bachetti wondered where our focus should be in dealing with the seniors in town as well as at Woodcrest. The residents there seem to enjoy the coffee and donuts and perhaps this could be done on a monthly basis. They would probably also enjoy some kind of holiday social. Perhaps it is too late for this year but certainly is something we should keep in mind for the future.

Housing Authority Issues – Pat Bachetti and Karen Norrie had concerns about complaints from residents of Woodcrest. Lisa Pellegrini stated that we should bring our concerns about situations at Woodcrest to her for presentation to the Board of Selectmen as a starting point. Decisions could then be made as to where to go from there. It was noted that Jordan Chatis attended a recent meeting of the Housing Authority and was not well received. It was also the feeling of this Board that there needs to be a resident social services person at Woodcrest. Determination needs to be made as to who would pay for such a person. Current members of the Housing Authority are appointed by the Selectmen. Ailene Henry volunteered to check out what other towns of similar size as Somers have as far as social services go.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M. by motion of Elaine Bemont with a second by Pat Bachetti.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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