

TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF December 14, 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, Jordan Chatis, Ailene Henry, Dorothy Hillman, Karen Norrie, Marilyn Smith and Arlene Yarnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of November 9, 2010 with a motion by Pat Bachetti and a second by Jordan Chatis.

AUDIENCE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *Conversation arose over the recent Housing Authority meeting attended by some members of this board. It was felt that things went well but much more needs to be done. It was felt that an advocate is needed for those people living at Woodcrest. Mention was made that some members of this board should attend Housing Authority meetings on a monthly or bi-monthly basis to keep informed and to let our representation be made known. *Resident Coordinator still very much needed at Woodcrest. *Grant has been received in excess of \$10M to assist with expenses associated with running of the buses. This will be a big help.

Meals on Wheels – No report this month. It is hoped that Susan King can provide us with a monthly report on the details of this program.

Senior Lunches/Senior Club – *Annual senior Christmas Club party will be held on December 15th at the Center. One hundred people have signed up for this event. There will be holiday flowers and door prizes for all. *Next outside senior luncheon will be held in February at the Somers Congregational Church.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she is currently seeing two people at the nursing facility. Things will be quiet for her in December because there is so much already going on at Blair Manor during the month of December. Pat will be away during January and February. If anyone knows of a Somers resident at Blair Manor, please let Pat know and she will stop by to see them.

Senior Information Guide – Rough draft of this guide is now ready for our perusal. Corrections need to be made and then guide will be ready for publication. We will be looking at this more closely in January. Guide will be marked “Revised Edition”.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Budgets – Aileen Henry checked with other towns to see how they budget money for the seniors. It was determined that the other towns allow a much larger sum of money for senior use than does the town of Somers. It was determined that more planning has to be done in determining the local budget for seniors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Questionnaire – Jordan Chatis mentioned the need to put out a questionnaire to the seniors in town to get their feeling on various issues relating to seniors. Some questions came up on this issue several years ago and will now be looked at further. Members were advised to come up with any questions they deem important. A questionnaire page can be placed in the senior newsletter in hopes that we will get some feedback. A locked box will also be in place at the senior center where questions can be dropped anonymously for review by this board.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. by motion of Elaine Bemont with a second by Pat Bachetti.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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