

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2011 MEETING**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Bachetti

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of December 14, 2010 with a motion by Jordan Chatis and a second by Ailene Henry.

**AUDIENCE:** David Pinney representing the Somers Housing Authority and Nancy Lecours, R.N. Resident Services Support Person for WINN.

David Pinney introduced Nancy Lecours as a newly hired on-site Resident Services Support Person for Woodcrest. It is hoped that residents will go to her with any problems/questions they might have and she will try to get them an answer. She hopes to get to know and visit each person living at Woodcrest. It is also hoped that either David or Nancy will be able to attend our monthly meetings to keep us abreast of what is happening there. Mary Lou Hastings, Tenant commissioner at Woodcrest, is also available to help the tenants with their questions or problems as well as Karen Norrie and Ann Korpjo of the Town Social Services. Much discussion arose as to the way rents are charged at Woodcrest and our inability to understand the way the pricing index works. David said he will get us some more data for next month which might help us to better understand the situation. It appears that everything is based on the town median income and percentages worked off of that. It was stated that the Housing Authority owns the building and it is leased as a limited partnership for tax purposes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Memo from Pat Bachetti with an update of her Senior Support activities.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairperson's Report - \*Jenifer will be placing the recent questionnaire prepared by Ailene Henry in the next newsletter for distribution to seniors in town. In addition, copies of this form will be placed at strategic locations around town. It is hoped to get a good number of responses to this form. \*Jenifer gave the board members data on the upcoming budget for the 2011-2012 year. She is looking for any input we might be able to add. This will be discussed more next month.

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 was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Center. One hundred people signed up for this event. \*Next outside senior luncheon will be held in February or March at the Somers Congregational Church.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti sent a note stating she was on her way to Florida for two months. She was currently working with two people at Blair Manor and three that she was sending cards to. In the spring she was planning to have an auction. She will keep in touch with them while away in Florida.

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. Guide will be marked “Revised Edition”.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Town Budgets – It was determined that more planning has to be done in determining the local budget for seniors. Copies of important paperwork relevant to this issue were handed out to all board members for their input at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Town Questionnaire – Ailene Henry prepared a rough draft questionnaire form which satisfied the questions all board members had. Some small revisions will be made to this form and then it will go out in the next newsletter. A locked box will also be in place at the senior center where questionnaires 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 Arlene Yarnes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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