

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011 MEETING**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Ailene Henry, Karen Norrie, and Marilyn Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti, Jordan Chatis, Dorothy Hillman and Arlene Yarnes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of January 11, 2011 with a motion by Marilyn Smith and a second by Ailene Henry.

AUDIENCE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Memo from Pat Bachetti with an update of her Senior Support activities. Also received were two memos from Susan King regarding the meals on wheels program and where it currently stands.

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 numbers for the 2011-2012 year. The basic numbers remain mostly the same but distribution has been broken down to a finer level. *Nancy Lecours, WINN representative, has had a lot of questions for Jenifer. As the learning curve progresses, these questions should go away. *With new suppliers of food to the Meals on Wheels program, it was suggested that a nutritionist should go over the menus to make sure our seniors are getting the proper nutrition to satisfy their personal needs (diabetes, high blood pressure, etc.). It is hoped that the Somers Home & Community Health and Wellness Program might be of some help in this regard.

Meals on Wheels – Susan King reported that the Plaza Restaurant is currently closed for renovations and Geissler's has been helping supply the meals for this program. Things seem to be working out well all around. Her report indicated that 628 HOT meals and 247 COLD meals were served during the October through December period. There are currently 30 volunteer drivers to deliver these meals Monday through Saturday between the time of 11:00 and 12:00. Things currently seem to be going pretty well. .

Senior Lunches/Senior Club – *Lunches have been scarce this past month due to weather conditions. A Valentine's lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 9th. We now have a new caterer and look forward to our people offering their support to her.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti sent a note saying she was currently in touch with three people at Blair Manor though post cards and cards. Things are going well so far.

OLD BUSINESS:

Senior Information Guide – Guide is currently finished and waiting for cover/printer to complete. This should be ready very soon now.

Town Questionnaire – Questionnaire is now ready to be inserted into the next newsletter. It is hoped to have it placed in the center of the newsletter so it can easily be removed by our readers. Boxes will be in place to check "yes" or "no" answers and there will be a place for comments. Form does not need to be signed. A box will be in place at the Senior Center for dropping off the completed questionnaire. It is hoped to get a good number of people to respond to this form.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. by motion of Elaine Bemont with a second by Ailene Henry.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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