

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2011 MEETING**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Jordan Chatis, Ailene Henry and Karen Norrie

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dorothy Hillman, Marilyn Smith and Arlene Yarnes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of March 8, 2011 with a motion by Pat Bachetti and a second by Jordan Chatis.

**AUDIENCE:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Memo from Susan King with an update on the Meals on Wheels Program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairperson's Report - \*Kitchen has been painted. \*It is hoped that the artists group will prepare a still-life painting for the new kitchen. \*Dishwasher has been replaced/swapped with one at Kibbe Fuller and is now operational. \*Cleaning checklist is being used by town workers/prisoners for their help in trying to keep the building cleaner. \*There is a possibility of getting a vending machine for water and soda purchases in the Center. \*Used item table has again been set up for all to use. Feel free to drop off any good and usable items on this table. \*Prisoners have been growing plants for transplanting to the senior garden in the near future. \*It is hoped to place some pictures of "Old Somers and Somersville" on the walls in the future. Many of our seniors should be able to relate to some of these pictures. \*It is planned to consolidate the books and tapes used by our seniors as soon as improvements have been made at the Center.

Meals on Wheels – Sue King's memo stated that MOW is currently serving 13 clients and meals are still coming from Geissler's. Question arose as to whether the program will stay with Geissler's or go back to the Plaza in due time. Sue has been working up a new menu based on meals she has been getting from Geissler's and, in the future, this could be reviewed by a nutritionist for their buy-in. Sue would be the best one to answer where future meals will be coming from. Clients appear to be happy with the current situation.

Senior Lunches/Senior Club – No report from the Senior Club this month.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is currently working with three patients at Blair Manor. She sends cards and keeps in touch with these people. If anyone knows of someone who is a patient at Blair Manor, please let Pat know and she will include them in her program.

Senior Information Guide – Guide is currently finished and waiting for cover/printer to complete. Booklet is ready to go to printing and will be distributed at various areas in town. i.e., Senior Center, Library, Woodcrest, Congregational Church, Drug Store, etc.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Somers Senior Center – Jordan attempted to explain the situation with the Club vs. the Town. First and foremost, this is a building owned and operated by the Town for use by all seniors and other town organizations. Meals, coffee hour and other Club activities still take place here. A calendar will be posted showing all activities taking place so there is no conflict of events. Jenifer should be contacted before future plans are made.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Center Updates – It is hoped to be able to clean-up or remove items which are not used or are dangerous for use from the building. A new shed also will be constructed on the premises for storage purposes. The old shed has fallen apart. It is also hoped that the Beautification Committee will help with some outside beautification now that so much emphasis has been placed on this building belonging to the town.

Scholarship Program – Jordan mentioned what a wonderful gesture on the part of the Senior Club to offer scholarships to the students in town. There has been much advertisement of this program in the local newspapers. It is wonderful to reward the young today with this thoughtfulness and financial help.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. by motion of Ailene Henry with a second by Karen Norrie.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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