

**SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2011 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jenifer Charette at 11:40 A.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn Smith and Arlene Yarnes

AUDIENCE: Francis Boudreau

Meals on Wheels Update – Memo received from Susan King stating she had given her notice to the Town of Somers advising that she would no longer be available to coordinate this program. She was willing to stay on until the next person feels confident enough to go forward with his/her unique way of heading the program. Sue has done a wonderful job with this program and will be sorely missed.

Elderly Advisory Commission Appointments - It appears that this Board has been missing the attendance of a senior club representative as well as a representative from the Woodcrest Senior Housing at the last six meetings. Our charter states that these two areas should be represented at our board meetings. Francis Boudreau is interested in representing Woodcrest at our meetings and is waiting for his appointment letter from the Town of Somers. Arlene Yarnes has responded to a letter stating she is willing to continue to serve on this board. Questions arose, however, regarding the number of her unnotified absences this year verses the Policy Statement dated 6/11/91 that this board works to. If we approve her to stay on, are we still in compliance with the Policy Statement? Much discussion took place on this issue with strong feelings both ways. Because this was a special meeting, no vote was able to take place today.

Chairman's Report – *Jenifer reported that we are still in need of the nutritional data for the Meals on Wheels Program. *A position is open for a part-time employee to be an assistant to Jenifer so she could spend more focus on important issues. This person would have to be computer literate as well as have good inter-personal skills. *New phones and hard drives will be installed due to money received from a technology grant. This should bring the Center more up to date. *Boy Scouts have done some weeding around the building to help clean things up. *A Girl Scout has taken on the project of beautifying our surroundings as part of her scout project. *Flu clinic is being scheduled as well as a possible Health Fair.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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