

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Karen Norrie and Marilyn Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Francis Boudreau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of June 14, 2011 with a motion by Pat Bachetti and a second by Marilyn Smith. Approval of minutes of Special Meeting of August 16, 2011 with a motion by Marilyn Smith and a second by Ailene Henry. Approval of minutes of Special Meeting of August 23, 2011 with a motion by Pat Bachetti and a second by Karen Norrie.

AUDIENCE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *An assistant has been hired by the town to serve as Jenifer's assistant. This person will be taking care of the Meals on Wheels program and will share the office currently occupied by the Social Services Rep. Schedules will be worked out so they are both not using the office at the same time. *David Pinney has announced that the Food Share Program will be taking place at the Congregational Church in Somers starting tomorrow, September 14, 2011 at 11:45. He currently has six to eight volunteers ready to help him but is in need of more people. If you are interested in volunteering, please see David Pinney. *We are waiting for a more-detailed report from the Nutritionist who looked over the diet plan for the Meals on Wheels Program. Jenifer will be working with her on this matter. *The girl scouts came and did their plant decorating outside the building. It looks very nice and we are thankful for their efforts. *This board needs to act on the responses to the questionnaire recently presented to the seniors for their input. *We need to have people trained in the use of the defibrillator and be trained in CPR. *Pat Bachetti has volunteered to keep the sign out front more up to date. Jenifer will be purchasing new letters to be used on that sign.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is currently working with two patients at Blair Manor. If anyone knows of someone who is a patient at Blair Manor, please let Pat know and she will work with them. Another suggestion was to try to find out who those seniors are that are out there and might need a friendly face to talk to once in a while.

OLD BUSINESS:

Health Fair – Judith Snyder has been in touch regarding the health fair to be held on October 1 from ten to one o'clock. Pat Bachetti has volunteered to spend some time at the fair and Ailene Henry and Jenifer will be getting together to work on a display to be used that day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Emergency Plan – Karen Norrie has been receiving phone calls asking what the town emergency plan is with regard to lack of power, bad storms, heat waves, etc. It is a question that was brought up at the Summit recently. All seniors in town need clarification on this issue. There are many seniors who are on oxygen, etc. where this may become a serious issue.

Building Maintenance – Plans are in place for an electrician to add more plugs to the building and to check out the sprinkler system where the furnace is located. The main entrance doors need to be checked to make sure both doors are working with the emergency switch as you come in and out. It is hoped to move the soda machine out into the hallway.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. by motion of Marilyn Smith with a second by Karen Norrie.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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