

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

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Acting Chairperson Jordan Chatis at 11:35 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Francis Boudreau. Jordan Chatis, Karen Norrie and Marilyn Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti, Jenifer Charette and Ailene Henry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of September 13, 2011 with a motion by Marilyn Smith and a second by Karen Norrie.

AUDIENCE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report – Jenifer Charette was not present at this meeting.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti was not present. However, Karen Norrie stated that she and Pat are working on a program of making cards for the people at Blair Manor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Health Fair – Marilyn Smith reported that the Health Fair went well. There were many vendors and attendance was good considering the rainy weather. Flu shots were available to those who wanted them. It is hoped that the Senior Center booth can provide a raffle next year to spark a little more interest among the visitors. Thanks to all those involved in making this a success.

Meals on Wheels – Jenifer's new assistant has taken over the MOW program. There is much to learn and the process continues to go on. More details on this next month.

Foodshare – A Foodshare program has started every other Wednesday at the Somers Congregational Church parking lot from 11:45 to 12:15. Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of this program.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Programming/events – Jenifer was not present to update this committee on this item.

Woodcrest/ACCESS – At the present time, it is not known exactly how this program is going to work. More information should be forthcoming shortly. It is an important

program which deals with the heating requirements of our elderly. In addition to ACCESS, there seem to be many problems at Woodcrest in need of looking into. Fran Boudreau has been in touch with Steve Jacobs, the Town Sanitarian, regarding septic odors at Woodcrest. How will these septic problems be affected by the addition that is being done now at this site? As of this date, Fran has not received an answer from Steve Jacobs regarding his findings on this problem. Other problems exist at Woodcrest, such as mold problems, lack of a generator in case of a power outage like we recently had, etc. We need to find answers to these problems.

Building Maintenance – Fran Boudreau expressed concern regarding the automatic doors at the senior center. It appears that both doors do not seem to work. If one door works, the other does not and vice versa. This is a feature used by many of our seniors and should be in good working order.

COMMENTS:

*******ATTENTION: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Many problems at the Woodcrest Housing facility have been brought to the attention of the Advisory Board to the Elderly. We are at a loss as to how to go about dealing with these problems and are seeking your help, advice and answers. This board feels that these problems are beyond our scope or control. Examples discussed are as follows:

Sewage Odors

Mold problems

Elevators without power during storms

Lack of a generator and lighting during a storm

We feel that it was necessary to bring this information to your attention.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M. by motion of Marilyn Smith with a second by Karen Norrie.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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