

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

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jenifer Charette at 11:10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Fran Boudreau, Jenifer Charette, Jordan Chatis and Ailene Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE: Kathleen Devlin

Commission Vision – Short Term Goals – Kathy Devlin proceeded to discuss with the Board the resignation of Jenifer Charette as Director of Human Services for the Town of Somers. This resignation will be effective as of December 16, 2011. Job has been posted and several applicants will be interviewed. Linda Coleman, who has been working recently as Jenifer's assistant, will take over the position in the interim.

Kathy also proceeded to tell us that effective as of this date, December 8, 2011, Karen Norrie has resigned her position on the Advisory Board as well as her employment with the Easter Seals program. It is not currently known if Easter Seals will provide us with another employee in the near future.

It was also announced that volunteers are urgently needed for the preparation and distribution of food baskets to the needy for Christmas. Also needed are more volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels program. This is critical. Anyone interested in volunteering for driving should get in touch with Linda Coleman at the Senior Center.

Commission Vision – Long Term Goals – The Board members have been requested to attend a Selectmen's meeting on next Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. to express the Board's concerns and see just what is expected of this board. It is hoped that several members will be able to attend this meeting.

Elderly Advisory Commission Appointments – Kathy Devlin proceeded to tell us that as of the end of December, Jim Burgess and Phyliss Gwilliams will be added to the Elderly Advisory Commission. Jordan Chatis commented that he was not interested in staying on the Board for the coming year.

Senior Center Christmas Party – This party will be held on Friday, December 16, 2011 from three o'clock to six o'clock at the Senior Center. Food and entertainment will be provided. It is hoped that some members of this Board can be of assistance in setting up for the event.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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