

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF JUNE 12 2012 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 1:28 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Fran Boudreau, Dorothy Bynack, Ron Collyer, Ailene Henry and Amy Saada

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti, Jim Burgess and Phylliss Gwilliam

AUDIENCE: Florence Hurley and Joan Sizer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of May 8, 2012 with a motion by Fran Boudreau and a second by Dory Bynack.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - *Amy reported that Concerts on The Green will begin on June 21 at the Gazebo near the Senior Center. The bus will be available for those people at Woodcrest who wish to attend. They must, however, sign up so the drivers know how many riders to expect. *A Father's Day BBQ will be held on Thursday, July 14th. Come enjoy a burger, hot dog, salad, etc. *Amy also reported that Jack Welch, a CPA from Enfield, is willing to give one-half hour appointments, free of charge, to Somers seniors. You must sign up for this free appointment. It is also free if he comes to your house as long as you mention that you were told about this free service at the Senior Center. *Mohegan bus trip has been sold out and there is a list of about twenty waiting for a seat. This appears to be a very popular trip.

Meals on Wheels - Linda Coleman was not present but advised Amy that people are dropping out of the Meals on Wheels program. Is it the food or some other reason? Service is currently down to one driver daily due to the low number of clients.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti was not present but advised Amy that she is currently working with five or six clients at Blair Manor. If anyone knows of a Somers resident who is a patient at Blair, please let Pat know and she will visit with them.

Senior Club – Jim Burgess was not present and there was no new news from the Senior Club.

Woodcrest – Fran Boudreau was asked about the rent situation at Woodcrest along with various other questions about ownership, etc. Much discussion arose on this subject. It is hoped to have someone from Woodcrest come to one of our meetings and advise us as to

how things work up there. Amy will also do some investigation prior to our next meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Flooring – New flooring will be done by a girl scout as a special project. She is currently awaiting approval of this project so things can get started here. The girl scouts have also undertaken a flag project at the local cemetery. Is this going to be an ongoing program or a one-time project?

Senior Resource Guide – Ailene Henry reported that updates have been completed on this resource guide. Amy and staff will make copies which will be available to those wanting a copy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Somers Senior Facebook Page – Amy asked if anyone was interested in putting news or pictures on Facebook. It was an item of discussion but no decision was made at this time. Seniors might need a computer class to know the ins and outs of this program.

Activities for Younger Seniors – We need to find a way to reach out to some of our younger seniors in town. Perhaps having some activities on the weekend would help. More discussion will need to be held on this subject in the future.

Land Trust Speaker – Ailene Henry thought it would be a good idea to have someone speak to this commission regarding how Land Trust works in this town. They could advise about trails available for walking, etc.

Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 1:30.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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