

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2012 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Jim Burgess, Dorothy Bynack, Ron Collyer, Phylliss Gwilliam, Ailene Henry and Amy Saada

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fran Boudreau

AUDIENCE: David Gwilliam and Mary Ann Kingsbury

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of August 14, 2012 with a motion by Aline Henry and a second by Pat Bachetti.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - Amy reported the following:

- Senior Resource Guide is being updated and is ready for approval. Copy will be emailed to board members for their review.
- Somers Zoning Commission will be removing signs posted on properties around town.
- A flu clinic was recently held and there is another one planned for November 1 at the Senior Center.
- Election Day parking will be available at the Center and buses will be available to the town hall for voting. Bus will be available from 8 until 4.
- WWWCT.ALERT.GOV is available for those wishing to register their phone numbers in order to be contacted in case of a town emergency.
- Medicare workshops will soon be available at the Center for the seniors. A CHOICES counselor will be here on Wednesday, the 17th, and will speak after the Dion Luncheon.
- Bus trip is available for the Taste of Greece for the lunch time period.
- New bus driver is Pat Perry.
- New Easter Seals employee is Cheryl Anderson. She will be doing secretarial work in the afternoons.
- Arrangements are trying to be made with Harvey from Woodcrest to come talk with the board about Woodcrest and its operation.

Meals on Wheels - It was reported that this program is going well at the present time and has recently picked up a couple of new clients.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she currently does not have any Somers patients. Due to all the Hippa laws, she has a hard time finding out who currently resides at Blair Manor. She really has to depend on word of mouth. Pat is going to work along with the Rec Director at Blair Manor and may come across some names that way.

Senior Club – Jim Burgess reported that the Club will be holding a Halloween Party at the luncheon on October 31.

Trips – Dave Gwilliam announced that the bus trip to Mohegan Sun for October 12 is full. Another trip is being planned to Foxwoods on November 16. There are currently seats still available for this trip. King Ward is sponsoring a trip to New York City for the Christmas Special. This trip is open to anyone. He is trying to work with other tour groups to see if he can charter half a bus and try to fill that. Dave and Phyliss are also trying to work with the Ellington Senior Center and perhaps the Stafford Senior Center to try to join together in some trips. Dave also wants to thank Florence Hurley, our center secretary, for all her help in planning several local trips.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flooring – New flooring is on hold for the time being with an attempt to work out some snags in plans. The girl scout in charge is still trying to determine pricing, etc. This will be a beautiful project once things are completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amy Saada and Linda Coleman will soon be taking their final exams on their CHOICES training. We will be ready to congratulate them!

COMMENTS:

Phyliss Gwilliam thanked Amy for listing several upcoming club events in her monthly newsletter. This information goes out to all the seniors in town.

Question arose as to the use of the building by the Club for evening activities. Amy said building is available and an employee would have to staff it. Much misunderstanding has been had on this subject.

Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 1:30.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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