

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 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, Phyliss Gwilliam, Ailene Henry and Amy Saada

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Fran Boudreau

**AUDIENCE:** David Gwilliam, Florence Hurley and Joan Sizer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of October 9, 2012 with a motion by Aline Henry and a second by Ron Collyer.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairman's Report - Amy reported the following:

Flooring is still going to be done. Town has come up with some funding which will help out the girl scout who was taking on this project. Cost is just too high for her to raise enough money to tackle this project. She will, however, take on the expense of repainting the inside of the Center.

Meals on Wheels - It was reported that this program is going well at the present time. Amy covered for Linda during her recent absence. It is truly unbelievable how much work is really involved with this program. Detailed records are being kept so that information will be available to provide to the Town for budget purposes after the first of the year. This program, along with the Access Program, is very time consuming.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she is working with several clients at Blair Manor. She will be heading south to Florida in January but will continue to keep in touch with her special people while away.

Senior Club – Jim Burgess reported that Arlene Yarnes is resigning as President of the Club effective the end of the year. Jim, who is currently 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, will take over the duties of President and Arnold Panciera will become the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Trips – Dave Gwilliam announced that there still are three seats available for the bus trip on Friday to Foxwoods. The Mohegan bus trips seem to go over better than the Foxwoods trips although the bingo players like to go to Foxwoods. He thanked Joan Sizer and Florence Hurley for all their help in making the various bus trips successful. King Ward is providing a trip to New York City for the Christmas Spectacular. If there

are twenty people interested in going from Somers, the bus will pick them up at the Senior Center.

Trips sponsored by the Senior Center for the month of December are as follows:

- Holyoke Mall – December 5 – Bus leaves the Center at 9:45
- Bright Nights – December 10 – Bus leaves the Center at 4:30. Deadline to sign for this trip is December 6.
- Somers Senior Center Christmas Dinner – December 13 from 5:00 to 7:00. This is a Thursday evening. This will be a catered dinner for which you might sign up for in advance. There is no charge for this dinner. If you wish, you may bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for the grab bag and receive a \$5.00 gift in return.
- Home for the Holidays in Woonsocket, RI – December 17 – Cost is \$69 per person. Show will feature Jimmy Mazz.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

NEW FLOORING is out for estimates. Some funding is available from the Town to help with this project.

RESOURCE GUIDE has been updated and is being emailed to Board members for their review.

POOL TABLE project is on hold until flooring situation is resolved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Amy reported that several holiday programs are quickly coming up. Among these are the following:

- **Holiday food baskets** will be prepared for both Thanksgiving and Christmas for those in need. Letters went out to those people currently receiving Access help to determine their need. These have been slow in being returned.. Shear Magic and the Antonacci family are big helps in this project undertaking.
- **Holiday gift program for children** - Sponsors are needed to support a family's needs for Christmas. Joan Sizer will prepare publicity announcements for these programs in local newspapers.
- **After the holidays** – Based on past, present and future needs, the Advisory Board will be asked to consider their needs for a one-to- five year plan for budget funding for 2013. Any background records on hours, costs, etc. will be very helpful in presenting our needs to the Town.
- **Utility Room** may be used as a Health Room in the near future. Oil tank currently located in that room will be removed. New furnace has made this possible.

#### **COMMENTS:**

The Advisory Board will be holding a Christmas Luncheon at our next meeting.

**NOTE:** Time Change - Date for this event will be Tuesday, December 11. Time for this event will be **11:30**.

**Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, December 11 at 11:30A.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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