

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2012 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 1:30 P.M. preceded by a Christmas luncheon planned by Pat Bachetti.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE: Florence Hurley and Linda Coleman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of November 13, 2012 with a motion by Dory Bynack and a second by Pat Bachetti with some added comments regarding the Holiday Baskets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - Amy reported the following:

Building will be painted indoors over the Christmas holidays and new flooring will be put in place the week of January 7th. That week the building will be closed for all purposes. Kibbe Fuller school can be used as a replacement for various activities if the different groups chose to hold them during that week. Pool table will be placed in the sun room after all new flooring has been installed. Oil tank has been removed from the utility room and this room will be redesigned to be used for health purposes, income tax preparations, etc. Amy announced that it is not Florence's responsibility to be at the Center on Tuesday mornings to make the coffee for the Club coffee hour. Her hours are 8:00 until noon. They should be able to provide someone to handle this responsibility.

Meals on Wheels - Linda Coleman reported that things are currently going well. 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. It is hoped that Linda will be able to get help with some of the offshoots of this program. It is way more time consuming than anyone could imagine. The Board is considering writing a letter to the selectmen stating the need for assistance with this program.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she is working with four 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 1st Vice President, will take over the duties of President and Arnold Panciera will become the 1st Vice President. In January dues will become due and it will be the responsibility of the Club officers to

handle this. Dues will be collected on Wednesday from 11 to 12:00 and at the Healthy Breakfasts on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 8:30 to 9:30. Dues will be collected by Dory Bynack, Assistant Treasurer of the Somers Senior Center Club. Jim announced that there has been much concern about the financial situation of the club. The person in charge of the finances will be coming in to speak to the club members regarding this subject.

Trips – Two trips are being made to Bright Nights this week. Both are well attended. In January it is hoped to prepare a tentative schedule of planned trips for the new year. Dave and Phyllis Gwilliam are in charge of this task.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW FLOORING will be installed the week of January 7, 2013.

POOL TABLE will be installed once flooring is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

STENCH AT WOODCREST – Fran Boudreau reported that the sewage smell at Woodcrest is disgusting. It appears that the system designed should only need cleaning out once a year. This apparently is not often enough to control the odor. Fran is going to talk with Steve Jacobs and Lisa Pellegrini in hopes that they will work with the management of Woodcrest to help solve this problem.

LETTER TO SELECTMEN – It is hoped this board will prepare a letter to the selectmen regarding our views on the upcoming budget. There are several areas we feel require their attention.

COMMENTS:

A comment was made regarding one of the bus drivers. It appears that more attention needs to be made to driving the vehicle and less attention needs to be made to various conversations taking place while driving.

Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, January 8 at 1:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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