

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014 MEETING**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine Bemont, Dorothy Bynack, Ron Collyer, Phyliss Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Amy Saada and Joan Sizer.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Bachetti and Eileen Fedorowich

**AUDIENCE:** Linda Coleman and Florence Hurley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of meeting of January 14, 2014 approved with noted corrections with a motion by Ron Collyer and a second by Dory Bynack

Chairman's Report – Amy reported on the following:

- Joan Sizer has been appointed to the Advisory Board. Nine positions are now filled.
- Goals for each board member should be looked at and will be reviewed at next month's meeting.
- AARP taxes are being done this year at Kibbe Fuller School. Twenty-nine appointments have been scheduled so far.
- Postage costs for the newsletter have increased. Ways are being looked at to cut down on the numbers of newsletters being sent out each month.
- WIFI has been installed at the senior center and is available for use by our seniors with their various types of electronic equipment. Password is 600MainStreet. There is a student available who will be willing to help seniors out with their equipment, etc. if the need should arise.
- Capital improvement list was submitted last month. One thing asked for on this list was for two lap top computers with big screens for use by the seniors in this building. There appears to be no problem with this request.

Meals on Wheels - Linda Coleman reported that she has some new drivers and some new clients. Schedule seems to be working well right now.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she is currently corresponding with 16 people and will continue to do so while she vacations in Florida. Clients are always happy to hear from Pat

Senior Club – Dory Bynack reported that 138 people have paid their 2014 dues so far. Their board will be meeting next week. Last month a question was presented by Dan Fraro regarding the possibility of people being served their meal rather than standing in

line at the Wednesday lunches. It does not appear that this will happen because of the many likes and dislikes of people with their food choices. Dory was contacted by personnel from the high school regarding scholarships. Dory said she would get back to them when club decision is made regarding this subject. Election of officers will take place in March. Bev Guimond is chairman of the nominating committee. She is working with Bev Morin and Dory Bynack in determining what positions need to be filled. Confusion has arisen as to various functions held at the senior center that are co-sponsored by the Town and the Club. Some means of clarification will have to come about in this regard.

Woodcrest – Eileen Fedorowich was not present this month.

Upcoming Trips – Upcoming trips are as follows:

2/18/14	Jimmy Mazz at Storowtown
2/20/14	Connecticut Flower Show
2/21/14	“ “ “
4/15/14	Debbie Reynolds Show
4/29/14	Three-day Pennsylvania Dutch trip

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

New Bus – Bids on the new bus close on 2/13. Bus should be available when bids are completed.

Resource Guide - Changes have been made to this guide and a smaller booklet type will be available soon. It will be renamed as a Social Services Guide because it will serve people besides seniors.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Blood Pressure Screening – B/P will only be done the last Wednesday of the month from 11:30 to 12:30. It has to be determined if blood sugars will also be checked.

Upcoming Events for March – Tentatively scheduled for the month of March are hearing screenings, a visit by a travel agent, St. Patrick's Day entertainment on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and a trip to the Mark Twain House. Another possibility is a visit by a woman who does puppy fostering to train seeing-eye dogs.

**Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 1:30.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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