

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2014 MEETING**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Dorothy Bynack, Ron Collyer, Eileen Fedorowich, Phyllis Gwilliam, Amy Saada and Joan Sizer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ailene Henry

AUDIENCE: Linda Coleman and Florence Hurley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of meeting of April 8, 2014 approved with noted corrections with motion by Ron Collyer and second by Pat Bachetti.

Chairman's Report – Amy reported on the following:

- Amy received a copy of the Woodcrest eligibility requirements from Fran Little. Information has raised more questions than answers for this Board. We are still looking for someone to come to one of our meetings and explain how things work at Woodcrest. Numerous requests have been made in the past. If no results in the near future, we will need to have Lisa Pellegrini contact the Housing Authority for help in this matter.
- Resource Guide has had many new updates and still needs more reviewing before being printed out.
- New bus for Somers seniors should be arriving in a week or so. Final details are now being taken care of, such as lettering, etc.
- My Town Trails App – Trails are being walked and photographed and information should be available to the public in the near future.
- Approval has been received for an Easter Seals employee to assist our current staff with various activities for people of all ages. Interviews will be taking place shortly. If you know of someone interested in this position, let Amy know.
- An Art Exhibit will soon be held in Southbury, CT. This exhibit is open for all artists seventy years of age and older.
- June activities planned are as follows:

June 10	Genealogy discussion
June 12	Buses to see Jimmy Mazz at Storowtown
June 17	Blair Manor will be putting on a lunch at the Senior Center
June 18	Bus trip to Elizabeth Park
June 25	Guest speaker with information on upcoming 11 day cruise.

Meals on Wheels - Linda Coleman reported that there are now 8 clients in this program. There currently are a sufficient number of drivers. Information will be going into the

newsletter regarding the availability of this program being subsidized. There are two different programs in place to handle this.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported that she is currently in touch with seventeen people on a monthly basis. Perhaps some teens needing to do some community work would be available to help her out with this project.

Senior Club – Dory Bynack responded that she is currently showing 151 members in the Club. This list needs to be cleaned up to remove names of those who have not paid, passed on, etc. Scholarship Committee has selected two candidates to receive scholarships. Names will be announced following the High School Awards night June 3. Club board members are enjoying their partnership with the senior center staff. Plans are underway for a Father's Day celebration in June.

Woodcrest – Eileen Fedorowich reported that Lynette, one of the staff in the building management office, has left for a new position and will not be replaced at this time. At the last board meeting, ways of lessening the burden on the current staff due to this loss was addressed. The '63' Club at Woodcrest is having a tag sales on Friday, May 16th. A new initiative has been established within Woodcrest whereas if a resident recommends a new tenant and that person in turn is qualified and signs a lease, the recommending resident will receive a \$100 finder's fee. Tillie Stack, a well loved member of the Senior Center and a resident of Woodcrest had suffered a minor stroke recently. Last week her son moved her to Texas to continue her rehab and be closer to her family.

Publicity – Joan Sizer announced that it is important to adhere to strict deadlines reporting news to the various newspapers, etc. As hard as she tries, there are times when the articles do not appear in the newspapers even though her deadlines have been met.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant for Bus – A grant has been applied for to be used for the purchase of a second new bus in July of 2015. It is hoped that this will go through.

2014 Legislative Session Updates – Amy has a listing of the items to be discussed at this legislative session. She will be happy to share this information with you.

11 Day Cruise – January 30 – February 9, 2015 – Norwegian cruise starting at \$1249 per person, all inclusive. More details to follow.

Trail to Woodcrest from the Senior Center – Discussion arose as to the status of this trail. Eileen Fedorowich believed that the land is part of the Land Trust program. Linda Coleman mentioned the repair/fixup of this trail would be a good Eagle Scout project in the future.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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