

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 1:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Dory Bynack, Eileen Fedorowich, Phyllis Gwilliam, Amy Saada and Joan Sizer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti, Ron Collyer and Ailene Henry

AUDIENCE: Patty Dolan-LeMay, Florence Hurley, Mary Ann Kingsbury

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of meeting of August 12, 2014 approved with motion by Eileen Fedorowich and second by Dory Bynack.

Chairman's Report – Amy reported the following:

- Food service inspection passed
- Four Town Fair parade is Saturday. Float preparations are being made. Decoration of the float will be Friday at 9:00. All those riding on the float or the bus need to be at the senior center by 9:45 on Saturday.
- Adult tennis lessons will start on September 22nd at the park on Field Road.
- Flu shots will be given at a senior center clinic on October 12 from 9:30 to 11:30.
- Sign-in sheets have shown a huge increase in attendance between the years 2013 and 2014. It is important that those entering the senior center sign in in order to keep track of how many people actually use the center and its facilities. Attendance has just about doubled in a one-year period.
- On Friday, Susan Lather of the Enfield senior center will be here to do a process audit.
- Complaints have been received by Amy from several Woodcrest residents regarding the process of work orders at the Woodcrest Housing facility. It appears that work orders are not being completed when requested. Examples of such are green moss growing on air conditioning units and water going into several units during heavy rain storms. It was suggested that all people filing a complaint should keep a paper trail of dates, actions, etc.

Woodcrest - Eileen reported the following:

- There will be a tenants meeting this fall where residents may bring their issues and concerns. Date has not been decided yet.
- Fran is doing double duty and is not as available as before.
- A number of apartments are in the process of being cleaned and refurbished for new rentals.
- Anyone interested in an apartment at Woodcrest should call the office to get on the waiting list and for prequalification.

- The Woodcrest management company has been helping the office staff out by making calls to individuals on the wait list for apartments.
- The Housing Authority has not replaced Bob Pettee at this time.
- Performance poet workshop is a possibility for this winter.

Meals on Wheels - Amy reported that there are now two new clients making a total of seventeen in this program. Billing activity will not be done by the town Finance Committee and will fall back to Linda Coleman.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti was absent but let us know that she has resumed sending cards and notes to her people. They missed receiving these while Pat was laid up.

Senior Club – Dory Bynack said the Club will resume their board meetings next week. One point of discussion will be the possibility of a joint Halloween party.

Upcoming Events – Among these are the following:

- Four Town Fair shuttle bus on Thursday
- Mohegan Sun Casino trip
- Jimmy Mazz dinner and show
- Time Machine museum
- Blair Manor Lunch in October
- Lyman Orchards Tour with lunch at the Apple Barrel
- Norman Rockwell Museum and lunch at the Red Lion Inn

Widow's Bereavement Group – Meetings will be held once a month starting in October.

Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, October 14 at 1:30.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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