

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Dory Bynack, Ron Collyer, Phylliss Gwillam, Ailene Henry, Deanna Schuetz and Joan Sizer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eileen Fedorowich

AUDIENCE: Lisa Pellegrini, Patty Dolan-LeMay, Florence Hurley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes from meeting of September 9, 2014 approved with motion by Ron Collyer and second by Dory Bynack.. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman's Comments ó Lisa Pellegrini addressed the Board and introduced Deanna Schuetz as our new Senior Center Director. She announced that there will be some upcoming changes with regard to the operation hours of the center. This is in order to put the hours in synch with the other town buildings. A change may be made to 8:30 to 4:30 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 to 7:00 on Thursday and 8:30 until 1:00 on Friday. This will necessitate some changes in the times for bus schedules, healthy breakfasts, coffee and donuts, etc. Effective date would be the first of the year.

A proposal was also made to sell the pool table that sits in the sun room and is not being used. Joan Sizer made a motion to initiate the sale of the pool table with a second by Pat Bachetti. The town recreation director would list this table on Ebay or Craigs's list in hopes of a timely sale. Board members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Deanna Schuetz ó Board members welcomed Deanna as our new director. Each member was introduced to her and stated a brief summary of what their duty on the board is. Deanna was given some paperwork of the town policy regarding the board, etc. She was advised to put together a meeting schedule for the 2015 year, namely the 2nd Tuesday of each month as our official meeting date, and advised that an agenda for each meeting has to be presented to Ann Logan at least twenty-four hours in advance of our meeting.

Senior Support ó Pat Bachetti reported that she currently keeps in touch with 22 people at Blair Manor via cards, notes, etc. Pat will be going south for a couple of months but will continue to keep in touch with her people while away.

Publicity ó Joan Sizer reported that she does the publicity for the town such as the Mohegan bus trips and other trips coming up. She also takes pictures at many events and publishes these from time to time.

Senior Club News ó Dory Bynack reported on the club membership. She said that the club and the town have been working together well on various projects and the attendance at these functions is a true test of that fact.

Woodcrest - Eileen was absent today. An issue was brought up by Patty Dolan-Lemay regarding the smoking at Woodcrest in close proximity to propane tanks, dry woodland, etc. It was determined that this is a Housing Authority issue and not one that can be solved by our board.

Meals on Wheels - Ailene Henry and Ron Collyer reported that this program has had its ups and downs but is working. Deanna is going to take a look at how it works and meet with Kathy at the Plaza to get her feel on things.

OLD BUSINESS: Subject of pool table was discussed as under Lisa Pellegrini comments.

NEW BUSINESS: It was mentioned by Phyliss that we should find a way to honor our two centenarians here in Somers ó namely Herb Wells and Prestley Blake. Our selectman will find a way for this to happen ó date and time to be determined.

COMMENTS: We need to find a way to make Social Services more private. It was hoped that the town staff could figure how best to handle this situation.

Ailene Henry is interested in starting pickle ball here in Somers. A tennis court at the park could be lined to meet the needs of this game. Deanna was interested in seeing this happen also.

We needed to find a way to thank Blair Manor for all the meals they provide for us. Phyliss was going to pick up a large box of chocolates and present it to them at the Thursday lunch . Payment would be made from the money from the bottle returns.

We, as citizens, need to attend more town meetings to try and get things to happen.

Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 1:30.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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