

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2014 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 1:37 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Ron Collyer, Eileen Fedorowich, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry and Amy Saada.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti, Dory Bynack and Joan Sizer

AUDIENCE: Patty Dolan-LeMay, Linda Coleman and Florence Hurley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of meeting of June 10, 2014 approved with noted corrections with motion by Ron Collyer and second by Ailene Henry.

Chairman's Report ó Amy reported that there is some restructuring going on within the town. Tim Larocca will now be the full-time recreation coordinator which will help free Amy to do some of her other duties.

Meals on Wheels - Amy reported that there are now two new clients in this program. Billing activity will now be done by the town Finance Department instead of being done by Linda, who coordinates the drivers, etc.

Senior Support ó Pat Bachetti was absent but let us know that she will resume her card writing, etc. as soon as she recuperates from her accident.

Senior Club ó Dory Bynack was absent and there was no new club news presented.

Woodcrest - Woodcrest information provided by Eileen Fedorowich stated:

- Bob Pettee will be replaced on the Housing Commission. Any interested parties should submit their name to the Selectmen for consideration.
- Woodcrest management has asked for volunteers to help keep running this facility at its current high standards. Volunteers are asked to help after hours by answering non-emergency calls, assisting with light maintenance duties in units to be re-rented, etc. Management is also discussing the possibility of getting an Easter Seals clerical person for the office.
- Apartments are available for rent. If you know of anyone seeking an apartment, please have them contact Brooke to begin the initial qualification process.
- Woodcrest recently held a "Paint, Sip, Fun" event which was very well attended and lots of fun. Perhaps this is something the Senior Center would be interested in holding in the future. The cost of this event was \$20 per person.

Upcoming Events ó Among these are the following:

- Riverboat Cruise ó School bus rented for this event
- Abbott Lobster ó two buses going to this event
- Mohegan Sun ó Bus fills quickly for this event
- Four Town Fair shuttle bus will run on Thursday evening
- Trip to Time Machine Museum
- Trip to Lyman Orchards
- Jimmy Mazz ó Dinner and music
- Six people have signed for the cruise leaving the end of January. Other trip suggestions include the New Britain Museum and the Thimble Islands Tour.

OLD BUSINESS:

Easter Seals Employee ó Patty Dolan-LeMay was welcomed as the new Easter Seals employee. We wish her well on her new job.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concerts on the Green ó Concerts are now over for this season. Discussion arose as to the possibility of having the concerts moved to the park on Field Road next year. The land is flat and there would be more parking available. Concerts are provided by the Cultural Commission. They are in need of a couple of people for their commission. If interested, please let one of their members know.

Four Town Fair Float ó A committee has been formed to decorate a float for the upcoming parade on September 13th. This float will signify some of the activities that take place at our senior center.

Comments:

Phyllis Gwilliam mentioned that she has been dealing with a lawyer (George Bickford) regarding legal activities. It was hoped Amy would be able to invite him to speak to our seniors in the future and give them some helpful information.

Eileen Fedorowich is interested in seeing how many people would be interested in attending a poetry workshop which could include both Woodcrest residents and interested parties attending the senior center.

Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 1:30.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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