

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 11:05 A.M. by Jim Burgess

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine Bemont, Pat Bachetti, Jim Burgess, Donna Doyker, Barbara Flebotte, Dorothy Hillman, Anthony Pellegrino and Arlene Yarnes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Myrtle Pixley

**VISITOR(S):** David Pinney, Greg Simmons and Sue King

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of June 10, 2008 and special meetings for July 8, 2008 and August 12, 2008 accepted by Pat Bachetti and seconded by Donna Doyker with the addition of the names of those in attendance added to the special meetings minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Meals on Wheels – Sue King reported that things are going good and communication lines are open both ways. Dave Pinney said finances are stable.

Senior Lunches – Arlene Yarnes stated the next luncheon will be held on September 23rd at the Somers High School. Reservations are at the maximum of 60 people. Sign-up sheet available at the senior center.

Senior Citizens Club – Arlene Yarnes reported that the picnic was well attended – About 40 people attended a program presented by the probate judge – The Boy Scouts have picked up the old tables – The rug was recently shampooed – Wii game was stolen and this has been reported to the police. Replacement was made by Health Net (Bill McCloskey). Wii competition will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Enfield Senior Center at 4 o'clock. Our Somers team will be represented at this event – There is a table set up at the senior center for items, both new and old, but no longer wanted. These items might be needed and loved by someone else – Dion luncheon will be held in October for paid-up club members. Sign up sheet available at the senior center.

Communications – Barbara Flebotte reported that the last newsletter went out on time and reached the people prior to September 1. Deadline for items for the next newsletter is October 12. Letter has been prepared to go to local businesses in hopes they would be interested in placing ads in future newsletters. Being sent along with the introduction letter is a copy of the latest newsletter and a sample/price sheet for any future ads they might be interested in placing in the newsletter. A motion to accept the letter with a change of date to 11/1/08 was presented by Dottie Hillman with a second by Pat Bachetti.

Senior Center Sign – Donna Doyker stated that Renters rebate is currently on the sign. Veterans Exemptions will follow and then the flu shots will be advertised for October.

School Liaison – Donna Doyker – nothing new at this time.

Senior Support Services – Pat Bachetti stated she is working with five people and they are planning on having an auction in October. The clients really enjoy these auctions and bid, with play money, on small items. Several clients were able to attend the concerts on the green with Pat.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Computer Training – Terri Ramsey will be happy to do some computer training as soon as newer computers are received. The ones currently on hand are way out of date.

Newsletter Ads – Letter going out to businesses with hopes of sparking their interest in placing an ad in our upcoming newsletters. Ads will be handled by Barbara Flebotte and Donna Doyker.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Greg Simmons – Greg is the new Director of Finance for the town of Somers, replacing Ed Sullivan. He handles funds and accounts for the town, pays bills and does payroll, etc. He is currently in the middle of an annual audit of the books.

Flu Shots – Shots will be given on Tuesday, October 21 downstairs at the town hall.

Hall is handicap accessible. Appointments can be made thru Norma at the senior center.

**OTHER:** Dave Pinney spoke to the Board regarding an upcoming campaign for WWII veterans being conducted by the Secretary of State. Invitations will be sent out inviting these vets to a recognition program where they will be presented with a Certificate of Service on Friday, November 14 at 4:00 P.M. Senior Advisory Board members have volunteered to help out with this program in any way possible. Program will be held in the high school auditorium.

David Pinney also spoke of a grant received from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. This grant allows for the hiring of a person to handle the duties of a full-time human services director/municipal agent/senior center director. Notice has been posted for this open position. This person will have an office here at the senior center and at the town hall. Hiree will also be expected to write grants in the future. This is a three-year grant with the town to assume the cost after this period of time. It is hoped to find someone with a college degree and experience in this field.

It is hoped to be able to provide a tour of Woodcrest for the Senior Advisory Board. It was suggested that perhaps our November meeting could be held at the Community Room at the new Woodcrest.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment at 12:20 by motion of Pat Bachetti and second by Arlene Yarnes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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