

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2008 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 11:10 A.M. by Jim Burgess

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Pellegrino and Myrtle Pixley

VISITOR(S): David Pinney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of September 9, 2008 accepted by Barbara Flebotte and seconded by Pat Bachetti.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meals on Wheels – No report presented for MOW. It was suggested by the Board that Dave Pinney or Sue King present us with a written report each month.

Senior Lunches – Arlene Yarnes reported there will be no further lunches until February of 2009. This lunch will be at the Somers Congregational Church.

Senior Citizens Club – Arlene Yarnes report that a tree has been planted in memory of Louie and a plaque will be prepared and placed in the coffee area. The Dion luncheon will be held on October 15th. Problems: Building is in need of new lighting and the outside door handicap switch needs to be repaired. Lines also need to be painted in the parking lot. It appears that requests for these have been made previously but no action has been taken. The “gift” table will be taken down for the holidays and items remaining will be donated to the Blacksmith Shoppe or to Pat Bachetti for her support group.

Communications – Barbara Flebotte reported that the November/December is in the draft stage for its review and is 14 pages long. Advertisements in the newsletter should be ready to run in time for the March newsletter. Question asked was will the Advisory Board be meeting at the new Woodcrest Housing in November? It seems that calls being made to arrange this are not being responded to. Who is the right contact?

Senior Center Sign – Flu shot clinic is now on the sign. Remember to vote will follow. WWII Veterans celebration will be next and Happy Holidays/Drive Safely will follow.

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

Senior Support Services – Pat Bachetti stated she is working with six people and they recently held their little auction. Another one will be held in December. Items from the “gift” table can be used for this purpose in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Questions for Survey – A list of current questions was presented to the Board members for their review. It is hoped more questions will come to mind. At the next meeting, we will brainstorm to see what we can come up with for new ideas.

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.

Flu Shots – These will be given out on Tuesday, October 21 in the basement of the Town Hall. Please call Norma to make your reservation.

Update on New Director – Dave Pinney announced that finalists will be interviewed on Thursday. Once one is selected, time will be needed for one to leave old job and begin a new one. It is hoped to have someone in this position in about a month. Dave Pinney said that the hiring of this person was in no way an adverse reflection on Jim Burgess or the Senior Center Club. The director hired should be able to work with all in this regard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contact Seniors in Your Area – Board members are from a cross section of town. It is hoped that these members will talk with those around them and fill them in on what is happening at the senior center, etc. So far, response in this area has not been very good.

Suggestions for the Good the Advisory Board – Dave Pinney stated he felt the Board was, in fact, doing its job. Several things are in the works but these all take time.

Other:

Members of the Senior Advisory Board have volunteered to help on November 14th when the Town honors its WWII veterans. We will handle the dispensing of refreshments following the award presentation. Pat Bachetti has been kind enough to chair this event.

Next meeting of this Board has been changed from 11/11 to 11/18 due to Veteran's Day.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 12:20 by motion of Elaine Bemont and second by Barbara Flebottte..

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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