

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008 SPECIAL 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, Tony Pellegrino and Arlene Yarnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Myrtle Pixley

VISITOR(S): Jenifer Charette

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meals on Wheels – No report presented for MOW.

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 reported that a turkey luncheon would be held tomorrow and there will be a visit by the Fidelco dogs. On Sunday, there will be an open house in honor of Jim Burgess. This will be held from two to four o'clock. There will be a "trim the tree" party on December 6. If you care to loan an ornament, feel free to do so. This will be a pizza party and it will be held starting at 11:00.

Communications – Barbara Flebotte reported that the last newsletter was late due to a problem getting the postage funds from the town. Jenifer would like to put a plan into effect that would assure the money would be available ahead of time. This could be done via a yearly purchase order with the funds coming out of the senior center account. It was also suggested that someone write an article on the recent WWII tribute. It was suggested that Joan Sizer be asked to write this for us.

Senior Center Sign – Donna will be posting "happy holiday" greetings on the sign.

School Liaison – Donna Doyker – nothing new at this time. It was suggested that she try going to the high school grades with these speakers. Donna also was trying to organize the brick sale for the new senior housing. A motion was made by Arlene Yarnes with a second by Tony Pellegrino. Motion stated that we hold off on the brick fund raiser until a later time when grounds at the new facility are better organized.

Senior Support Services – Pat Bachetti stated she is working with six people and they will be holding their holiday auction soon. Seasonal items, lotions, after shave, novelties are always welcome to be used as prizes.

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.

Update on New Director – Jenifer Charette, the new Human Services Director, was introduced to the Board. We were given an opportunity to ask her any questions we might have. Expressed were some complaints about the new senior housing and our desire to hold a meeting and tour the new area. Jenifer was given a list of 'problems' that she will investigate. We look forward to working with her.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 12:05 by motion of Tony Pellegrino and second by Dottie Hillman.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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