

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

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 11:08 A.M. by Jenifer Charette

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Pat Bachetti, Jenifer Charette, Barbara Flebotte, Dorothy Hillman and Arlene Yarnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Pellegrino and Myrtle Pixley

VISITOR(S): David Pinney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of October 14, 2008 approved by motion of Barbara Flebotte with a second by Pat Bachetti. All members present were in favor. Minutes of special meeting of November 18, 2008 approved by motion of Arlene Yarnes with a second by Dorothy Hillman. All members present were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meals on Wheels – No report presented for MOW. Dave Pinney announced that a donation of \$2,000 was received from the Jahn Foundation. The Town is seeking to receive a grant to support delivery of services to individuals in need. Town would have to be on the list of approved vendors in order for this to happen. Dave Pinney is looking further into this.

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 our center has been tastefully decorated for the holidays. A Christmas party will be held on December 17th. So far, 88 members have signed up for this event. The Club is also collecting toys in a Toys for Tots box for needy children. On Tuesday, December 16th, bus service will be provided for those interested in going to Bright Nights. Cost will be \$2.00 per person. Arlene also mentioned to Dave Pinney that we are in need of replacement of the lights in the building and a repair to the front handicap switch. It was also reported that a brand new refrigerator is being donated to the Club and will be delivered on 12/19. The old fridge will be going to the Boy Scouts. It is hoped a plumber will donate his time to hook up the ice making equipment.

Senior Sign – Donna Doyker was absent but the sign currently reads “Happy Holidays”.

School Liaison – Donna Doyker has been struggling with this issue. Perhaps a different age group needs to be approached with the plans to carry this through.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is currently working with five people. They will be holding their final auction of the year this Saturday. Pat will be away for a couple of months but will continue to keep in touch with her people while gone.

Communications – Barbara Flebotte reported that the January/February newsletter is being prepared. Advertisements in the newsletter should be ready to run in time for the March newsletter. Question arose as to whether or not the cost of the ads will cover the cost of the printing. Barbara will check with a couple of possible potential ad buyers to feel them out on the right price to be charging for ads – whether a one-time ad or a year's worth. She will report back to the Board in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Questions for Survey – All members have a list of the current questions for the survey. 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.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Other:

Dave Pinney said that Jenifer should contact Cheryl Lallier to arrange an on-site meeting and tour of the new Woodcrest facility. It is hoped to have our January 13, 2009 meeting there. Cheryl is the on-site manager for DiMarco Management. Cindy Parker is the Resident Coordinator at the site. There currently is no coverage 24 hours a day.

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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