

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2015 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Deanna Schuetz at 1:38 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Dory Bynack, Phyllis Gwilliam, Deanna Schuetz and Joan Sizer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Eileen Fedorowich and Ailene Henry

**AUDIENCE:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes from meeting of March 10, 2015 with motion by Dory Bynack and second by Phyllis Gwilliam with the following corrections:.

- Under the Chairman's Report - Deanna had already met with Fran Little at Woodcrest and will be holding a presentation there in the near future.
- Under Senior Club News – Deanna needs to be able to budget for a period of one year. She does not know in advance what plans or special events the club may be planning to hold while preparing her budget.
- Under Senior Support – Pat Bachetti did, in fact, submit a report from Florida but there was a delay in the e-mail process in getting through. She was currently in contact with 20 residents via cards, etc

Chairman's Report

- Official resignation has been received from committee member Ron Collyer.
- There has been a discontinuation of the Dial-a-Ride fee. New bus will be coming in the fall via a state grant. State does not allow charges to be made for riding the bus.
- Parking lot safety has been enhanced by the placement of DO NOT ENTER and ONE WAY signs at the wrong way entrance around the building.
- Survey forms will be distributed at Deanna's presentation at Woodcrest and are also available here at the Senior Center. It is important that our seniors fill one out so the correct contacts will be known in case of an emergency.
- Past suggestions regarding Tai Chi and Yoga are being considered. They will need to be fit into the current schedule for classes to be held here at the Senior center. Zumba class may still be possible but there will be a charge for this event. Paint/Sip/Fun is also a possibility but requires a large deposit, at least twenty people to attend, and a \$25 per person charge.

Meals on Wheels – Deanna reported that six people are currently using this program. There is a need for additional drivers. .

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported she is currently in contact with eighteen people via cards, etc.

Publicity – Joan Sizer reported that she will be publishing articles on the lunch with Lt. Claudio, the Take Me Out to the Ball Game event, Easter breakfast, and the Volunteer Lunch. She asked if Facebook training would be available soon.

Senior Club News – Dory Bynack reported on the club membership. Menu for the month of May has been established. A delicious corned beef dinner was enjoyed by all.

Events – Deanna is working with personnel from the Ellington Senior Center to try and collaborate with on some of our trips. Events planned for May include Cinco De Mayo on 5/5, Jewelry making on 5/6, Mother's Day celebration on 5/7, Eyecare Bingo on 5/13, Woodcrest presentation on 5/14, Forrest Gump movie on 5/15, CHOICES Medicare presentation on 5/20, AARP Safe Driving course on 5/22, and presentation by Attorney Bickford scheduled for Friday, 6/12 at 1:00. In addition, Deanna will be the guest of Senator Kissel's April 20<sup>th</sup> Public Access program.

Woodcrest – Eileen was absent today so there was no further report on Woodcrest.

OLD BUSINESS: Pool table is currently sitting at the DPW building. We are making an attempt to sell...not much luck so far. Registration form is still pending. It was determined that the organ was donated to the Senior Center by Donald Tisdale. Deanna will be in contact with him to see how he feels about us having a need to move it from this building. .

NEW BUSINESS: Dory felt we need to find a way to highlight current events next to the sign-up sheet to make people more aware of what is going on.

**Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 1:30.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M. by motion of Phyllis Gwilliam with a second by Joan Sizer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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