

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Deanna Schuetz at 1:34 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Dory Bynack, Eileen Fedorowich, Ailene Henry Deanna Schuetz and Joan Sizer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Phyllis Gwilliam

**AUDIENCE:** Mary Ann Kingsbury - Motion made by Eileen Fedorowich with second by Ailene Henry to allow guest to speak if she wished to.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes from meeting of April 14, 2015 with motion by Joan Sizer and second by Pat Bachetti with the following correction: The survey was to collect data on interest in the congregate meals, etc...not to obtain emergency contact names, etc. as stated in the April minutes.

Chairman's Report :

- The Reiki program went well. A good crowd was in attendance. Program will begin in June on a regular basis, by appointment, with a \$10 fee.
- Approximately twenty-five survey forms have been completed. Deanna will also distribute these forms at Woodcrest when she talks with them on Thursday at 11:00. Main response is about the lack of space here at the senior center. It is important for us to make our voices known to the selectmen, etc.
- Deanna and Flo recently visited the Ellington Senior Center. This is a large facility. It is important to know who did the work for them, what did they do that went well and what would they do different if they had it to do over again.

Meals on Wheels – There are currently six people receiving meals. Driver shortage continues to be a problem. Ailene Henry suggested that there be a way to show on the driver's report what people actually got...hot meal, cold meal, drink, etc. Ailene was going to meet with Christina in the Social Services Office to get the form updated. Question arose as to whether or not we should advertise this program. Other than the information given out in the newsletter, program is not to be advertised as such. More information could be put on the Somers Senior Center website. . .

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti reported she is currently in contact with fifteen people via cards, etc. and things are going well.

Publicity – Joan Sizer reported that some of her articles have not been appearing in

the local newspapers. She wasn't sure if there was a conflict between what she has been submitting as opposed to articles submitted by Deanna. Of particular concern was the Mohegan casino trips.

Senior Club News – Dory Bynack reported on the club membership. A July 4<sup>th</sup> party is being planned by the Club for Wednesday, July 1. Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, etc. will be on the menu. Entertainment will follow. Club members are in appreciation of all the trips the town has been providing and giving them a chance to enjoy.

Events – Following is a listing of events sponsored by the town of Somers:

- Attorney Bickford will be here on Friday, 6/12. at 1:00 P.M.
- A Father's Day BBQ will be held on 6/18
- The Friday matinee: The Pursuit of Happyness, will be held on 6/19
- A 25th Anniversary celebration of the Somers Senior Center will be held on Monday, 6/29, at 1:00. It is hoped to have many prominent people and local and state officials at this event as well as representatives from the major organizations in town. Speeches will be given by some of these people. It is hoped that some seniors will speak up and present what we feel are our most pressing needs here at the Center. Ailene Henry and Phyllis Gwilliam will be designing a tree backdrop where people can place leaves stating what they like the most about being part of the Center.

The following are other events being planned for the near future::

- Carriage House at Storowton Tavern for lunch and Jimmy Mazz on 6/2
- Married to Broadway at Aqua Turf on 5/26
- Newport, Rhode Island on 8/19
- Kennebunkport, Maine on 7/15
- Turkey Train Winnepesaukee Railroad on 9/29
- Glen Miller Holiday at the Aqua Turf on 12/10
- Possible trip to NYC Radio City Christmas Show – no date yet
- Ten day excursion to Berlin, Prague and Vienna

Woodcrest – Eileen reported that an attempt is being made to get different events going on at Woodcrest. The management team has tried various things over the last few years. The Housing Commission is still working on spring clean-up. Fran Little is responsible for putting together the Woodcrest newsletter. A hairdresser is now available as well as a computer repairman if necessary. .

OLD BUSINESS: Pool table has been donated to the Cromwell Senior Center. The organ's original owner will be happy to let the organ go to wherever someone can put it to good use. The registration form is held up with the Town attorney.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

**Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 1:30.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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