

TOWN OF SOMERS

ACVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SENIORS

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Deanna Schuetz at 1:30:02 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dory Bynack, Eileen Fedorowich, Deanna Schuetz, Phyllis Gwilliam, Tim Welch, Ailene Henry, Pat Bachetti, Joan Sizer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elaine Bemont

AUDIENCE: Tina Toohey. Motion made to allow Tina to speak at this meeting if she desires.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March meeting minutes approved with a modification under “Woodcrest” for a change of tense regarding notification to David Pinney about the need for advance notice to residents with respect to pesticide spraying (from present to future tense). Notification has since been made to David.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Expanded Newsletter. ETA for contributions for the May newsletter is 4/15. The Senior Center Staff will continue to work to provide articles of interest in the newsletter including topics such as Health, Government programs and other items similar in nature to what appears in the AARP Bulletin.

Technology: Work to establish a relationship with the NHS at Somers High School to provide Technology Classes/Consultation for Seniors has become dormant. Contacts were made but did not culminate in any hard and fast commitments. It was felt that this might be due to timing (school year drawing to a close) and other student obligations during this busy time of year. This effort will pick back up when school reconvenes in September.

In the meantime other alternatives were discussed such as gathering information regarding specifically what technology education is being sought and other means to provide these services. Joan suggested a “Give & Take” approach where Seniors with specific technology skills could share their knowledge with others and also benefit from technology knowledge sharing from others in areas where there is a knowledge shortfall.

Zumba - tabled at present.

MOW - No changes at the present time.

Sr. Support – notices sent

Trips –

APRIL EVENTS

- 4/1 Friday Matinee: A Walk in the Woods
- 4/4 Lunch & Learn: Registrar of Voters
- 4/5 Blair Manor Lunch
- 4/7 Healthy Breakfast
- 4/8 Presentation by Enfield Adult Day Center
- 4/11 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at 12 P.M.
- 4/13 Home Helpers Medical Equipment Check
- 4/15 Poetry with Ellen Rita Evans at 1 P.M.
- 4/18 Lunch & Learn: Legal Aide
- 4/19 Trip to the CT Historical Society
- 4/21 Healthy Breakfast
- 4/22 Blair Manor Diabetes Education – Session 1 at 2 P.M.
- 4/24 Trip to see Sister Act
- 4/25 Coffee Talk on Volunteer Opportunities
- 4/26 Trip to see Jimmy Mazz
- 4/26 Jimmy Mazz
- 4/26 Overnight trip to Long Island
- 4/29 Blair Manor Diabetes Education – Session 2 at 2 P.M

MAY EVENTS

- 5/2 Presentation by Johnson Memorial Hospital Staff on medical conditions resulting in frequent hospital readmission living wills, healthcare proxy, hospice
- 5/4 Trip: Goodspeed Opera House: “Anything Goes”
- 5/5 Blair Manor Cinco De Mayo Breakfast
- 5/6 “Tea for Two” Mothers’ Day Event
- 5/9 Lunch & Learn: Comfort Keepers
- 5/13 Blair Manor Diabetes Education – Session 3 @2pm
- 5/16 Trip: Harlem
- 5/17 Bermuda Cruise Informational Presentation
- 5/20 Trip: Mohegan Sun
- 5/20 Blair Manor Diabetes Education – Session 4 @2pm
- 5/23 AARP Driver Safety Course
- 5/24 Trip: Natures Village
- 5/27 Blair Manor Diabetes Education – Session 5 @2pm
- 5/29 Bermuda Cruise Departs

Senior Club – 10 or so people continue to be members but have not been heard from or seen in months. Dori will approach them to determine if they wish to continue as members.

Publicity – Volunteer event. *A Tremendous Success* 40 attendees (3 ill). *The Advisory Committee for Seniors was unanimous in their praise of Deanna Schuetz, Christine Cenac, and Florence Hurley* for their work to prepare for, stage, and host this wonderful event.

The Candy Brigade, Somers CT provided wonderful deserts and the luncheon provided by Pagani received praise as well.

Old Business:

Senior Center Space - Work continues to clean out the back room previously (and currently) used for storage. Kitchen materials are being relocated from the storage room to the kitchen itself as time allows.

New flooring has been installed in the office in the front of the building to the right (when you come in the front door). The room is presently the location for the Footcare program.

New Business

Elaine Bemont resigned as Secretary but will continue to be an active member of the Advisory Commission. Ailene Henry volunteered to be considered for the position of Secretary. Tim nominated Ailene and Dory seconded the nomination. Congratulations to our new Secretary Ailene Henry.

As noted previously, Elaine Bemont has been Secretary for this Committee since 2003 and has never missed a meeting during that time. Her minutes were timely, to the point, and communicated effectively with respect to meeting content and results. Her contributions as Secretary were applauded by all of the Committee members.

A second Coffee Talk is scheduled for April 25 at 1:00 pm. A list of topics is currently being compiled.

A preliminary sketch for additional parking at the Senior Center has been received. No additional activity scheduled at this time.

2:35 PM Motion to Adjourn made by Joan Sizer.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee for Seniors will be held on May 10, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Welch, Acting Secretary

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