

Town of Somers
Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors

April 10 2018

Present: Dori Bynack, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Deanna Schuetz, Joan Sizer, Tim Welch, Eileen Fedorowich, Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont,

Audience: Tina Toohey

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by chairman Deanna Schuetz.

Dory moved and Phyllis seconded the motion that the minutes of the Feb. 13 meeting be accepted as written. Motion carried.

Tim moved and Phyllis seconded the motion that this be an open meeting.

Committee Updates:

a. Chairman's Report

I. Medicare Savings Program Update: Deanna reported that the income guidelines for the MSP are scheduled to be reduced as of July 1.

II. Plan for Elderly/Disabled Transportation Fleet: The repair estimate for the 2006 bus was above the value of the bus so plans are for it to be sold. The town has decided to accept the grant for a new bus which will probably arrive by the end of this year. Deanna will try to demonstrate the need for 3 buses. We discussed the configuration for the new bus and concluded that the best plan is a 10 seat bus with 2 wheelchair spots with safety features like retractable seat belts and arm rests and a sturdy suspension.

III. Newsletter: Deanna cross checked the newsletter mailing list with the MySeniorCenter list and found that there may be extraneous names on the newsletter list. After some discussion Dory moved that we discontinue mailing the newsletter after the next issue. Seconded by Pat. There will be a notice that the newsletter will be available by email or on the town website or a print edition can be picked up at the Senior Center or other venues around Somers.

b. Meals on Wheels: Dory moved and Phyllis seconded that we table a discussion of the MOW application until our next meeting.

c. Senior Support: Pat reported that she sends cards to the MOW clients once a month and on birthdays and special holidays.

d. Senior Citizens' Club: Membership is 182. The bylaws change about adhering to Senior Center policies and procedures was approved at their executive board meeting and will be brought to the members for a vote at the next full membership meeting.

e. Publicity: Nothing to report.

f. Woodcrest: The fire and CO alarms have been replaced but have not been tested yet. Vacant spots on the Housing Authority have not been filled. There is a concern that Woodcrest residents are not receiving accurate information about social services.

g. Policies and Procedures Manual Subcommittee

I. Presentation of Code of Conduct: A written Code of Conduct as compiled by the subcommittee was given to each committee member to look at and consider. It was decided that a special meeting be held on April 17, 1:30 p.m. to discuss and approve the Code of Conduct. Committee members were thanked for their good work.

Old Business: A coffee talk that was tentatively planned for April will be postponed.

New Business: A concern was raised that informational programs at the Senior Center should not be done by anyone with a product to sell.

Next regular meeting: May 8, 2018. Special meeting April 17

Moved by Tim and seconded by Phyllis our meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.

