

**Town of Somers**

**Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors**

**October 9, 2018**

**Present:** Pat Bachetti, Dori Bynack, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Carol Sarrantonio, Deanna Schuetz, Tim Welch (by phone)

**Absent:** Joan Sizer, Tina Toohey

**Audience:** Richard (Spider) Carey, Steve Getman

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by chairman Deanna Schuetz.
2. Dory moved and Phyllis seconded the motion that the minutes of the 09/11/18 meeting be approved as written.

**4. Committee Updates:**

**a. Chairman's Report:**

**I. Senior Center events/programs/trips/newsletter:** Deanna made available a list of remaining October programs and upcoming November and December programs. Deanna reported that a problem with a bimonthly newsletter is that it is more likely that people will forget about events.

We are hoping to have our new bus by December. Once the 2014 bus is out of service we will no longer be able to be able to use the senior buses for out-of-state trips.

Deanna had sent information to committee members about two upcoming events – the Quality of Life Expo at Asnuntuck sponsored by the North Central CT Chamber of Commerce and the VMT Seniorhood Fair in Vernon. Several members will try to attend at least one of these events. We discussed Tim's previous suggestion that we hold an evening program on how to help younger seniors cope with older parents. If we were to do a program it probably would not be until next Fall.

In response to Phyllis' comment that programs held recently have been very good but attendance has been small, Steve suggested that such programs could be recorded to have available on request.

**b. Meals on Wheels:** In response to Ailene's request for more communication with the owner of the Hometown Kitchen, Deanna said that she meets in person with the owner on an as needed basis.

**c. Senior Support/Community Outreach:** Pat reported 10 - 12 on her list.

**d. Senior Citizens' Club:** 198 members. A Halloween party is planned for Oct. 31.

**e. Publicity:** Senior Center information is available on the town web site, on Facebook and in the North Central News as well as in the newsletter.

**f. Woodcrest:** Carol reported that at a Sept. 18 residents' meeting they were informed that ownership/management of Woodcrest will now be Somers Housing Authority Inc. (SHA Inc.). This is a separate entity from the Town of Somers Housing Authority. There will be no change in day-to-day running and maintenance. They are looking for members for the Board of Directors. There are plans for a quarterly meeting for residents. Deanna will check with the Board of Selectmen about this.

**5. Old Business:** None.

**6. New Business:** None.

Tim moved and Dory seconded the motion that we adjourn at 2:31 p.m. Motion carried.  
Respectfully submitted  
Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.

