

**Town of Somers**  
**Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors**  
**January 08, 2019**

**Present:** Pat Bachetti, Dori Bynack, Steve Getman, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Carol Sarrantonio, Deanna Schuetz, Joan Sizer, Tina Toohey

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by chairman Deanna Schuetz.
2. Joan moved and Tina seconded the motion that the 12/11/18 minutes be approved as written.
3. **Audience:** none
4. **Reappointments:** New members Tina, Carol and Steve received an initial appointment letter but have not received a follow-up letter for 2019. Deanna will check on this. All other members have received a reappointment notice.
5. **Transportation Update:** The new bus should be arriving this week. Deanna will present a case to keep the 2014 bus as a third bus. It would be used mainly for recreational trips which provide socialization at a low cost. The two newer buses are used daily for necessary local trips. There are 4 part time drivers at present.  
We discussed curb-to-curb dial-a-ride service versus door-to-door. Door-to-door service is impossible for liability reasons.
6. **Community Outreach:** The bimonthly newsletter is available at multiple venues around Somers.  
We discussed possible articles for the quarterly Somers magazine. Deadline for next issue is Jan. 10. We wish to alert people to Senior Center activities like travel opportunities. We discussed including an article providing information for adults with aging parents, including an opportunity to take part in a survey about interest in this topic. Deanna will follow up with this.
7. **Meals on Wheels:** Snow day meals have been delivered to all clients. Deanna followed up with Colleen about providing a vegetable or salad with each hot meal.
8. **Committee Updates: Senior Club:** 205 members. A Valentine party will be held on Feb. 13. Phyllis expressed a concern about the availability of affordable housing for seniors in Somers. A discussion followed about who to talk to in the town about this; availability of such housing in neighboring communities; renting vs condo ownership.  
Dory moved and Carol seconded the motion that our meeting be adjourned at 2:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.

