

Town of Somers
Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors
May 14, 2019

Present: Pat Bachetti, Dori Bynack, Steve Getman, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Tina Toohey

Absent: Carol Sarrantonio, Deanna Schuetz, Joan Sizer,

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by vice chairman Pat Bachetti.

2. Tina moved and Dory seconded the motion that the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting be approved as written.

3: Audience: Florence Hurley, Tim Welch. Phyllis moved and Dory seconded the motion that the meeting be open to audience participation.

4. Presentation of the Policies and Procedures Manual: Pat distributed copies of the new Policies and Procedures Manual and asked that committee members look at it and bring any suggestions for change to our June meeting. Over the past two years, Joan, Pat and Phyllis, assisted by Deanna, have spent many hours compiling the manual to guide Senior Center activities in the present and future. They were thanked by the other members. Once approved by the committee members, it will go to the Board of Selectmen for their approval and then to the town attorney. The Code of Conduct section has already been approved.

5. Senior Housing Update: Phyllis has been working with town officials to present the need for affordable housing for seniors in Somers. There is a Zoning Commission meeting on May 22 which several Advisory Committee plan to attend.

6. Committee Updates:

MOW: Numbers are down at present but seem to fluctuate. Steve suggested that new beverage bags are needed. Ailene will contact Christina about this.

Senior Club: 202 members at present. July 3 party.

Outreach: Pat continues to be in touch with MOW clients.

Ailene suggested a possible programming topic would be alternatives to cable TV. Flo will research this.

Members expressed regret that Deanna has given her resignation.

Tina moved and Dory seconded the motion that our meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting June 11. No meetings in July and August.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.

