

Town of Somers
Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors
June 11, 2019

Present: Pat Bachetti, Dori Bynack, Steve Getman, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Tina Toohey, Carol Sarrantonio, Joan Sizer, Chris Boucher

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

Pat introduced and welcomed Chris Boucher as our acting Human Services Director. Chris asked if we have any suggestions for the Senior Center that we forward them to him by the end of the summer and he will forward them to the BOS. Pat suggested that more communication with the BOS would be good.

2. Steve moved and Tina seconded the motion that the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

3: Audience: none

4. Policies and Procedures Manual discussion/acceptance: 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.

Suggestions for amendment: Page 3, section 4 should read "Inability to ambulate independently".

Page 9: Following "Homebound eligibility for MOW means:" there should be a paragraph 3 including individuals with chronic illness.

Dory moved and Carol seconded the motion that the Policies and Procedures Manual should be accepted with the suggested amendments. Motion carried.

Joan will make the amendments and the committee of Joan, Pat and Phyllis will forward the manual to the Board of Selectmen for their approval.

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. It was suggested that Jeff Lipton has talked about his wish to build affordable housing on his property behind Joanna's restaurant.

We briefly discussed having a Senior Center program about aging in place.

6. Committee Updates:

MOW: Numbers are down at present but seem to fluctuate, 8 clients at present.

Senior Club: 202 members at present. July 3 party will have the meal served at the table to accommodate those with mobility problems.

Woodcrest: nothing to report.

Phyllis voiced the committee's feeling that Deanna was a wonderful director who worked diligently and was an asset to the seniors, the center and the town. She'll be missed.

Phyllis moved and Dory seconded the motion that our meeting be adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

No meetings in July and August.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.

