

Town of Somers
Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors
September 10, 2019

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

Absent: Steve Getman, Joan Sizer

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by chairman Chris Boucher.

Correspondence: A letter from Deanna Schutz was read expressing her thanks and best wishes to the Advisory Committee.

II. Tina moved and Carol seconded the motion that the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried

III: Audience: none

IV: New Business: Discussion of staffing for Senior Center and Human Services. Chris said that, at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on September 19, he will recommend that a fulltime human services professional be hired as soon as possible to work with the Senior Center and Social Services.

Phyllis moved and Tina seconded the motion that we ask one of the Selectmen to attend an Advisory Committee meeting quarterly to improve communications.

Durable Medical Equipment Swap Program: Chris has reached out to the town insurance carrier and the town attorney resulting in a "as-is statement" stating that "the Equipment Receiver will assume all risk associated with the use of the equipment". The policy statement will be signed by anyone receiving equipment.

Publicity: Chris stated that the Recreation Dep't. has a part-time Communication Coordinator, Megan Krementowski who would help the Senior Center with publicity. Chris will put us in touch by email and will invite her to attend our next meeting to see how we can best work together.

V. Policies and Procedures Manual Update: Chris has forwarded the manual with the edits recommended at our last meeting to the town attorney. If there are no further edits, the manual will be presented to the BOS on Sept. 19. If approved it will be enacted.

VI. Committee Updates:

MOW: No problems. Client numbers fluctuate.

Senior Club: 213 members at present. A newsletter is published quarterly. There will be 2 Dion lunches to accommodate all members.

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

Woodcrest: Nothing new to report.

Phyllis continues to look into options for affordable housing in Somers.

Phyllis moved and Tina seconded the motion that our meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.