

**Town of Somers**  
**Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors**  
**October 8, 2019**

**Present:** Pat Bachetti, Steve Getman, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Tina Toohey, Carol Sarrantonio, Chris Boucher

**Absent:** Dori Bynack, Joan Sizer

**I.** The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by chairman Chris Boucher.

**II.** Tina moved and Phyllis seconded the motion that the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried

**III: Audience:** none

**IV: Correspondence:** none

**V: Old Business:**

- a. Policy and Procedure Manual Update:** The Board of Selectmen approved the manual as approved by the Advisory Committee and thanked the subcommittee. The next course of action is to be sure that all seniors are aware of the manual. Suggestions were to have hard copies at the senior center and publicize it in the next newsletter, on the town website, on the rec. dep't social media and at the Senior Club luncheons.
- b. Staffing for Senior Center and Human Services:** Social Services and Recreation and Leisure Services will be two different departments. Posting has gone out for two new positions – Senior Center Supervisor and Director of Social Services. Social Services will have offices at Kibbe Fuller and will be able to address problems such as substance abuse and mental health issues as well as the programs they already oversee such as Meals on Wheels and fuel assistance. The Recreation Dept. will probably move to the Senior Center.

**VI: New Business:**

- a. Dial-a-Ride:** Ailene asked if we could revisit the previous decision to have only curb-to-curb Dial-a-Ride service rather than door-to-door service. Some towns like Glastonbury have door-to-door service when the driver can safely turn around in the client's driveway. Only curb-to-curb service prevents many needy seniors from using the service. Chris said he would reach out to town hall and other CT towns.
- b. Environmentally Friendly Resources:** We discussed trying to not use Styrofoam and single use plastics whenever possible.

**VII. Committee Updates: MOW:** No problems. Client numbers fluctuate.

**Senior Club:** (as reported by Dory by email) 216 members at present. Dion lunches occurred as planned.

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

**Woodcrest:** Residents participating in the town scarecrow event. Flu clinic today.

Tina moved and Carol seconded the motion that our meeting be adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Next meeting Nov. 12.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.

