

Town of Somers
Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors
November 12, 2019

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:28 p.m. by chairman Chris Boucher.

II. Tina moved and Carol seconded the motion that the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried

III: Audience: none

IV: Correspondence: none

V: Old Business: a. Staffing: A new Social Services director has been hired, Alison Maynard, who will start Dec. 2, 2019. She and Christina Cenac will have offices at Kibbe Fuller. A Senior Center supervisor has been interviewed but the position is not yet finalized.

Discussed having the Recreation Dep't offices at the Senior Center.

b. Dial-a-Ride: Chris is working on having the Dial-a-Ride service be door-to-door on a case by case basis rather than only curb-to-curb.

c. An Environmentally Friendly Senior Center: The Senior Club is working on plans to purchase environmentally friendly products when present supplies of Styrofoam and plastic run out. Ailene asked if the Senior Center purchasing could also be environmentally friendly.

d. Affordable Housing: Phyllis spoke with Jeff Lipton about a possible future plan to build affordable housing in Somers.

e. Joan asked that the next newsletter contain information that the hard copy of the Policy and Procedure Manual is available at the Senior Center.

VI: New Business: Discussed having a speaker series of topics of interest at Healthy Breakfast. Some suggestions were: a speaker giving resource ideas and information for families coping with end of life care for a loved one; someone from the fire dep't; one of the selectmen.

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

Senior Club: 223 members at present. Christmas party planned for Dec. 18.

Outreach: Pat will send holiday cards to MOW clients.

Woodcrest: The Woodcrest monthly newsletter contained copies of the Sr. Center newsletter. Roads are being repaired and speed bumps installed.

Tina moved and Phyllis seconded the motion that our meeting be adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next meeting December 10.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.

