

**Town of Somers**  
**Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors**  
**January 14, 2020**

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

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

**II.** Dory moved and Carol seconded the motion that the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

**III: Audience:** Alison Maynard, Social Services director  
Jillian Connors, Senior Center supervisor

**IV: Correspondence:** A thank you note from Marjorie DeLoach.

**V: Old Business:** **a.** Chris reported that the Board of Selectmen and the town insurance company have said we can move forward on door-to-door Dial-a-Ride service. Details of policies for this change of service have yet to be worked out. Chris stated that the recreation dep't has a 10 passenger van that could possibly have a lift installed to transport handicapped passengers. This could possibly be used to transport clients to appointments outside the Somers/Enfield area. A third bus driver is currently available.

**b.** Phyllis stated she is still interested in having affordable housing in Somers. Discussion followed.

**VI: New Business:**

- A. Appointment of Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** The Board of Selectmen have approved Alison Maynard as our new Municipal Agent. She will also be the chairperson of the Advisory Committee for Seniors. Jillian Connors will be the alternate Municipal Agent.
- B. Updates from Senior Center Supervisor:** Jillian reported that the Senior Center newsletter will contain Senior Club news. She is working on having a monthly newsletter rather than every other month. She is working on new programming and has begun a coffee and conversation time for people to express any concerns they might have. There will be a Senior Health and Wellness program towards the end of May.

We discussed a HUD program that provides needed home improvements for income eligible seniors.

Alison will look into the availability of this for Somers residents.

**VII. Committee Updates: MOW:** A snow day meal was delivered to all clients. Eleven clients at present. We discussed ways to advertise this service such as contacting hospital discharge planners.

**Senior Club:** 224 members at present. Valentine party planned for Feb. 12 with dinner and entertainment. On Jan. 22 the Sr. Club money manager will speak.

**Outreach:** Pat continues to send cards to MOW clients.

Joan moved and Dory seconded the motion that our meeting be adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Next meeting February 11, 2020

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.



