

**Town of Somers**  
**Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors**  
**July 14, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

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

**I.** The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by chairman Allison Maynard.

**II. Minutes of 06/09/20 meeting:** Carole moved and Pat seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

**III. Audience:** Melinda Burnham, Christina Hurdle-Cenac, Florence Hurley, Bud Knorr  
Bud Knorr, Somers First Selectman, thanked the committee for the opportunity to address the committee. We are in phase 2 of the Covid-19 program. The governor has extended the time for the opening of phase 3. Bud expressed optimism. Pat asked if one of the selectmen could attend an Advisory Committee meeting once a quarter. Bud agreed with this.

Bud reported that there will be a protest march in Somers from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on July 17. The Somers Connect magazine will be published soon with a survey for residents.

**IV: Correspondence:** none

**V: Old Business:** none

**VI: New Business: Social Services Update:**

**MOW:** Allison reported that, as of July 1, volunteers are delivering meals. There are 19 clients at present. At the end of June, clients were asked to participate in a survey with positive feedback. All clients opted to continue. As of July 1, meals are no longer free but subsidies are available.

**Renters' Rebate:** Social Services is making a renters' rebate available to eligible Somers residents 65 years or older and 18 years or older receiving social security disability.

**Back-to-School Program:** Social Services is working on a program to supply clothing and back to school supplies for eligible Somers children. They are asking for volunteers to "adopt" a child to buy items for them and also asking for monetary donations.

Allison and Chris are members of a long-term recovery committee related to Covid-19.

**Senior Center Update:**

Jillian reported that the summer newsletter has been mailed out to over 600 recipients.

Outside morning programs at the senior center have been a success. She reported that Zoom activities have not been a success and suggested technology education when the Senior Center reopens.

The senior support group run by Home Helpers will start in August outdoors at the Sr. Ctr.

Foot care has restarted by appointment only.

One AARP tax prep day was scheduled with 10 clients.

A local farmer is supplying vegetables— grab and go.

Dial-A-ride is available for medical appt's, hair and nail appt's and employment, with 2 passengers at a time.

No shopping trips yet. The bus continues to deliver groceries from Geisslers on Mon. and Thurs.

Wellness calls to Somers residents will continue. Bud said these are much appreciated.

Chris reported that the children's summer day camp is operating with limited programming.

**VII. Committee Updates:**

**Senior Club:** 222 members at present.

**VIII: Adjournment:** Phyllis moved and Pat seconded the motion that our meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** August 11, 1:30 p.m. hopefully outside with a rain date.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.



