

Town of Somers Advisory Committee for Seniors
Zoom Meeting
October 13, 2020

Present: Pat Bachetti, Jillian Connors, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Allison Maynard, Tina Toohey

Absent: Steve Getman, Joan Sizer

1. **Call to order** at 1:34 by chairperson Allison Maynard.
2. **Approval of 8/11/20 Minutes:** Because there was no quorum there was no vote to approve minutes. Allison will send the minutes by email to committee members for approval.
3. **Audience:** None
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Old Business:** None
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Social Services Update:**

MOW: 17 active clients, 4 on hold.

There is a question of whether the meals as now prepared are meeting nutritional needs. Allison has met with the owner of Hometown Kitchen restaurant with little resolved. Discussed CRT as a possible alternative meal provider. Discussed having a nutritionist meet with Hometown Kitchen to discuss nutrition needs and develop healthy menus. Allison is hoping to have resolution to this problem by our next meeting. Continuing with meal delivery 3 times a week.

Renters' Rebate: Social Services has completed over 100 applications. An extension is available through 12/31/20. The State has made an 8% decrease in the check amount.

Energy Assistance: This gives help with heating bills to anyone in town who comes within income guidelines.

Season of Giving: The annual fund raiser for social services will be held again this year. Discussed advertising for this.
 - B. **Senior Center Update:**

The Senior Center can open on Nov. 2 with a maximum of 15 people for each event with a screening process each time. Participants must register for all events. The next newsletter will be mailed at the end of this week. Some upcoming events are a paint and sip class, a grab and go lunch by October Kitchen, an outdoor Christmas tree lighting, a one on one zoom class, Winter Wonderland – a walk through event on Dec. 17 and 18.

The library is organized for people to come in and browse for books and puzzles. An Eagle Scout project is an outside “free little library” where people can borrow and leave books.

Dial-a-Ride continues to be able to meet needs. Priority is for employment and medical transport.
7. **Outreach:** Pat continues to send greeting cards to MOW clients. Much appreciated.
8. **Adjournment:** 2:38 p.m.

Next meeting Nov. 10 1:30 p.m. by zoom.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.