

**Town of Somers**

**Advisory Committee for Seniors**

**March 9, 2021**

**Zoom**

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

**Absent:** None

- **Call to order:** at 1:40 pm. by Allison Maynard.
- **Approval of 02/09/2021 Minutes:** Tina moved Steve second.
- **Audience:** Christina Hurdle-Cenac (Social Services), Florence Hurley (Senior Center)
- **Correspondence:** None
- **Old Business:** The secretary position has been acquired by Carol Sarrantonio.
- **New Business:**
  - A. Social Services Update:** Allison reported a good partnership with Ellington Priority Urgent Care and Vernon Regional Call Center as well the North Central Health District to provide several covid vaccine clinics. Joan moved and Pat second a motion that many thanks and appreciation of hard work be extended to Allison, Jullian and their staff. They are also working to provide vaccine visits to a few homebound residents using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. MOW: Meals on wheels with CRT started on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> with a few challenges, however all worked out and running smoothly. Christina has been working hard to iron out confusion with clients regarding delivery schedule. The clients were pleased with the meals. Pat suggested presenting a plaque to Home Town Kitchen recognizing their work in providing meals on wheels for the past few years, there was discussion about previous owners that also provided meals. Joan, Pat and Ailene will suggest language for the plaque. Motion to approve verbiage at our next meeting.
  - B. Senior Center Update:** Jillian reported a Drug Take Back event scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. Also a Senior Health & Wellness Day is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> partnering with Somers Recreation. Students from Bay Path Occupational Therapy department will be coming to the Senior Center to lead some programs.

New Tables have been purchased to accommodate smaller groups with funds provided from the Cares Act.

Dial -a-Ride has been very busy these past few weeks, with seniors feeling more comfortable going out fully vaccinated and better weather.

Pat is continuing the Out Reach Program.

The Out Reach Program has been well received by most of our seniors.

- **Committee Updates:** Bev reported that The Senior Club once a month grab and go lunch has been exceptionally busy. Sign up is required with Bev Guimond.
  
- **Adjournment:** 2:33 pm. Phyllis motioned and Carol seconded.  
Next meeting: April 13,2021

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Sarrantonio, Secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.