

Town of Somers

Advisory Committee for Seniors

January 11,2022

Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Jillian Connors, Bev Guimond

- I. **Call to order at:** 1.30pm. by Allison Mayard
- II. **Approval of Minutes of 11092021:** Motion by Phyllis and second by Tina to approval minutes as written.
- III. **Audience:** Aiden Connors, Maureen Parsell
- IV. **Correspondence:** None
- V. **Old Business:** Hartford Foundation-Members of the committee had questions about how the funding from the town was used and how they are advertising. Allison stated there was not much information available. They are a small organization just getting off the ground. However, Allison has a meeting on January 13,2022 and hopefully will gain more information.
- VI. **New Business:** The town is looking to do another covid vaccine clinic in a few weeks. The covid vaccine clinic held 12/20/2021 was very successful.

Social Service Updates:

The town is using Everbridge alert system. It is the best way for Somers resident to be informed of Covid test kits and mask distributions and other town emergencies. The town would like every resident to register, you can register for email, text or land line alerts. The senior center is willing to help residents with the registration.

Meals on wheels currently have fifteen clients which is a increase. The lines of communication have improved with CRT, thanks to Christina. The clients received a meal pac for the recent snow day.

With the increase of need, the town has partnered with Access Agency Community Action Program to have Mobile Food Pantry on a monthly basis in addition to Champs and Food Share Truck. The Mobile Food Pantry will take place the fourth Thursday of every month at Kibbe

Fuller. The first Mobile Food Pantry on Dec 30, 2021 was a success assisting thirty four households, 70% were seniors.

Senior Center Updates:

With the uptick in covid, the Senior Center had to cancel several programs for the month of January, some have cancelled indefinitely. Program updates will be communicated through My Senior Center. The committee members find the emails from My Senior Center very helpful, the system will be used more. Any ideas, suggestions or feedback, contact Maureen Parsell.

There will be some improvements to the Senior Center to create more of a office for Pam and Flo, to reduce the noise level for members attending programs and employees working.

Maureen recognizes the need for help in residents registering for Everbridge, if help is needed stop in the Senior Center and someone will walk you through it.

All members of the Senior Center will be required to complete a new registration form possibly on a yearly basis. Liability and Photo wavers need to be included along with updated email addresses.

With a recent passing of a member, Maureen questioned what is done when a member passes, she would like to implement something special, perhaps a coffee hour for the celebration of life and for members to cope with the loss. Maureen is open for any suggestions.

Several committee members had concerns about funds being donated to the senior center, Allison confirmed that the funds being donated to the Senior Center stays with the Senior Center.

VII. Committee Updates: None

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm. Motion by Joan second by Allison.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Sarrantonio, Secretary

Next meeting: February 8, 2022