

Town of Somers

Advisory Committee for Seniors

March 8, 2022

Kibbe Fuller

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

Absent: Bev Guimond, Tina Toohy

- I. **Call to order:** Allison called the meeting to order at 1:32pm
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Correction on minutes of 02082022. The correction is referenced on page 1 bottom (Caring for and Educating our Elders) should be replaced by "Ur Community Cares" Motion by Steve second by Ailene to accept minutes as corrected.
- III. **Audience:** Aiden Connors, Christina Hurdle, Flo Hurley, Maureen Parsell
- IV. **Correspondence:** None
- V. **Old Business:** Reflective house numbers for MOW clients have not been installed. There was some confusion on forms that need to be completed and send to Town Hall. Once the confusion is straightened out Roland Henry is still willing to install them.
- VI. **New Business:** Ailene informed of a Health Insurance and Financial Help Program for Seniors. It will be held Thursday March 24, 2022 at Somers Congregational Church 599 Main Street Somers, CT at 12:00 noon. This program will be represented by Northcentral Area Agency on Aging and the Town of Somers Social Services. Preregister by calling the church at 860 763 4021. All are welcome, feel free to bring your own sandwich, dessert and beverages will be provided.

A. Social Service Updates:

MOW has 17 clients. CRT is down on staff causing some challenges.

Renter's Rebate program starts on April 1, 2022 this program for renters gives a once a year rebate determined by income.

Energy Assistance Program is coming to an end. Assistance is still available, if you have exhausted your award, you may qualify for more assistance. Call Access or Christina in Social

Services to find out more.

Senior Center Update:

Maureen recommends we remove the mask mandate for individuals that are vaccinated, the unvaccinated can make their own choice. The Senior Center is following the same policy as the Town Hall. Maureen is hopeful the new mask mandate brings more seniors to the Senior Center.

Lunches are now being held inside the Senior Center, they may be capped at a certain number of people. Outside tables are being implemented, one month at a time is the plan.

The Senior Center Newsletter has shown many improvements using the Canva Program, Maureen, Flo and Pam are finding the software user friendly. Maureen requests feedback for the newsletter, she is open for suggestions. Monthly birthdays in the newsletter will begin in April, first name, last initial and no date.

There is a new registration for programs and events, each member will have to sign a Liability Waiver and Photo Waiver. A Liability Waiver is to inform members there is always a risk in participating in programs or events. The Photo Waiver must be signed before any photo of them is shared.

Senior Center Personnel updates: Interviews will begin for hiring a staff member for the Senior Center, it will be at least another month before the position is filled.

The Senior Center is in the process of getting approved for a renovation for a more private office for Flo and Pam. There are also renovation ideas being discussed for Kibbe Fuller to accommodate the activities being held.

VII. Committee Updates: None

VIII. Adjournment: motion by Carol, second by Phyllis @ 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Sarrantonio, Secretary

Next meeting: April 12, 2022