

Town of Somers

Advisory Committee for Senior

May 10,2022

Kibbe Fuller

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

Absent: Bev Guimond, Phyllis Gwilliam

- I. **Call to order:** Allison called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Ailene and second by Steve to approve minutes of 03/08/2022.
- III. **Audience:** Christina Hurdle, Maureen Parsell
- IV. **Correspondence:** None
- V. **Old Business:** None
- VI. **New Business:.**

Social Service Updates:

Social Services is wrapping up the Energy Assistance Season with Covid. Electric Bills are being credited again for some residents that qualified for Energy Assistance. Rent Rebate applications are now being accepted. Allison will be going to Woodcrest this summer to do a on site application process for anyone 65 years and older.

MOW currently has 13 clients, we are still in need of volunteers to deliver the meals. Christina can handle the entire process of getting volunteers set up. There is a milage reimbursement which Christina can also process. Steve suggested it be printed in the Journal Inquirer that volunteers are needed.

Aiden Connors has been hired by the Town as a Youth Service coordinator, we welcome Aiden.

Farmer Market Vouchers will arrive in July or August the agreement has been filed.

There will not be a Senior Advisory Meeting in July or August for summer break.

Senior Center Updates:

A Senior Center supervisor has been hired and she will be starting in the near future.

Maureen expressed concern about reaching out and communicating with the seniors in the community. Maureen sent out a double postcard with Senior Center Activities and hopes to send it out twice a year. Maureen has been advertising Somers Senior Center in the Journal Inquirer weekly and will continue to do so.

Joan recommended reaching out to the town for an updated list of residents residing in Somers, with name, address, phone number and possibly email address. Newsletters are no longer mailed, the only way to send a newsletter is by email and many come back undeliverable.

Maureen and Allison have been talking with Town Officials about a possible Community center which would also house the Senior Center, this is in the very early stages, funding and a space to use or build are the first steps.

The renovations for the Senior Center have been slightly delayed due to contractors personal issues. The contractor will start as soon as possible.

VII. Committee Updates: None

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:33pm motion by Ailene and second by Tina.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Sarrantonio, Secretary

Next meeting: June 14, 2022