

**Town of Somers
Advisory Committee for Seniors
May 9, 2023**

Present: Matthew Cox, Eileen Fedorowich, Marilyn Gaskell, Steve Getman, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Christina Hurdle, Maureen Parsell, Donna Richardson,

Absent: Pat Bachetti, Joan Sizer, Tina Toohey

1. **Call to order** at 1:05 p.m. by chairperson Matthew Cox.
2. **Approval of 04/11/23 Minutes: Correction:** Renters' rebate not rental assistance
Marilyn moved and Steve seconded the motion that minutes be approved as amended.
3. **Audience:** John Kelleher
4. **Correspondence:** none
5. **Old Business:** Donna presented an updated version of an Excel chart done by Ailene on assisted living options. A discussion followed about UR Community Cares. There will be a program about this agency on July 11 at the Senior Center. Although this program received money for Somers from the Hartford Foundation and it is a good concept, they don't seem to be active other than in Manchester. Maureen asked to see a financial statement and a report on how they do their marketing and if they expect the town of Somers to do the marketing. Eileen said it would be a useful program at Woodcrest.
6. **New Business:**
 - Social Services:** presented by Christina.
MOW: 14 active clients at present. 2 new volunteers
Operation Fuel, an emergency utility assistance program, will reopen in August.
Christina continues to be the Senior Center one day a month.
Christina will be at Woodcrest for a few days in June for intake for financial help programs.
The volunteer appreciation event at the Senior Center April 20 went well and was enjoyed by all.
 - Senior Center:** Maureen reported Senior Center statistics: from July 1, 2022 there were 5556 MySeniorCenter check-ins. Average of 27 per day. New members 119. Active members 400.
The Senior Club is resuming their weekly meals indoors. The Senior Center would like to do more weekly meals.
The new staff office is operational. The previous desks will be removed soon. The check-in will be inside the Senior Center near the office window.
Outdoor furniture is now in place on the outdoor patio. There will be handicap buttons on the bathroom doors and the toilets will be updated. DPW has put humps in the parking lot to park the buses to prevent theft of catalytic converters.
Donna reported on Senior Center activities including The Senior Health Day on May 31 (all programs listed in the Senior Newsletter). Eileen asked for fliers for Woodcrest.
Donna and Maureen asked for ideas for new programs.
Briefly discussed that the referendum on the proposed Community Center which was to be held in May, has been postponed until November.
7. **Adjournment:** 2:05 p.m. Steve moved Phyllis seconded

Next meeting June 13, 2023, 1:00 p.m. Senior Center

Respectfully submitted:

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting

