

**Town of Somers
Advisory Committee for Seniors
October 10, 2023**

Present: Pat Bachetti, Matthew Cox, Eileen Fedorowich, Steve Getman, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Maureen Parsell, Donna Richardson, Tina Toohey

Absent: Marilyn Gaskell , Joan Sizer,

1. **Call to order** at 1:00 p.m. by chairperson Matthew Cox.
2. **Audience:** Christina Hurdle
3. **Approval of minutes of last meeting.** Approved as written – Phyllis (m) Tina (s)
4. **Correspondence:** none
5. **Old Business:** A discussion about UR Community Cares. Volunteers have not heard back from the organization. Matthew will reach out to the administrator and invite her to our Nov. or Dec. Advisory Committee meeting. Matthew suggested that town human services could coordinate similar volunteer services. A lengthy discussion with ideas such as a telephone tree, foster grandparents, bulletin board, a “vulnerable” check list with the fire dep’t, coordination with Woodcrest, a welcome visit to new residents of Woodcrest. Matt will reach out to Fran at Woodcrest. Donna will look into holding a program at Woodcrest about available town services.
6. **New Business:**
 - Social Services:** presented by Christina.
MOW: 9 active clients at present. Appointments will be available to help with signing up for Medicare since Medicare open enrollment starts next week.
Energy assistance available. Operation Fuel has run out of money. Farmers’ market cards will continue.
 - Senior Center:** Maureen reported Senior Center statistics: Since July 1 2023: 30 new members, average is 32 per day, active members 235. 32 Dial-a-ride rides.
Senior resource fair at Vernon Center Middle School on Oct. 21 .
There will be a flu and covid clinic October 25 at the Senior Center.
Scarecrow festival Oct. 21
Holiday festival Sat. Dec. 9.
Season of Giving starting in Nov.
Community Center information program: Senior Center Oct. 24, 9:30 to 11:00
There will be 2 questions on the Nov. ballot – HVAC and Community Center. One bond.
A town wide mailing will go out soon.

Steve announced his resignation from the committee. Maureen and others expressed appreciation for his work. He is recommending John Kelleher to replace him.

7. **Adjournment:** 2:04 p.m. Phyllis moved, Pat seconded

Next meeting November 14, 2023, 1:00 p.m. Senior Center

Respectfully submitted:

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting