

Town of Somers
Advisory Committee for Seniors
MINUTES
November 14, 2023

Present: Matthew Cox, Eileen Fedorowich, Steve Getman, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Christina Hurdle, Joan Sizer, Tina Toohey

Absent: Pat Bachetti, Marilyn Gaskell, Maureen Parsell, Donna Richardson

1. **Call to order** at 1:05 p.m. by chairperson Matthew Cox.
2. **Audience:** none
3. **Approval of minutes of last meeting.** Approved as written –Tina(m) Eileen (s)
4. **Correspondence:** none
5. **Old Business:** Further discussion about UR Community Cares. Matt talked with the coordinator who stated that coordination must be done on the organization’s web site. Matt stated that the web site is not easy to use and will try to find out how to use it and train others. Joan stated that maybe assistance such as computer help could be provided within our own group.
6. **New Business:**
 - Community Center Update:** Building of a new community center was turned down in recent voting. One reason suggested was not enough information available about ongoing cost of the facility. A brief discussion about an inflatable building for indoor winter sports.
 - Social Services:** presented by Christina.
 - MOW: 9 active clients at present. Snow day meals and holiday meals are provided.
 - Energy assistance applications are ongoing. Last appointment for CHOICES help with Medicare applications is Dec. 7. We talked about the difficulty in understanding advertising for Medicare Advantage programs.
 - Holiday festival Sat. Dec. 9.
 - The Season of Giving is on with “Stuff-a-Cruiser”, holiday toy shop, donations to the town emergency fund and “send a kid to camp” fund.
 - Talked about coordination between Woodcrest Senior Housing and town social services.
7. **Adjournment:** 1:40 p.m. Tina moved, Steve seconded

Next meeting: December 12, 2023, 1:00 p.m. Senior Center

Respectfully submitted:

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting