

**Town of Somers
Advisory Committee for Seniors
MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2024

Present: Pat Bachetti, Matthew Cox, Eileen Fedorowich, Marilyn Gaskell, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Christina Hurdle, John Kelleher, Maureen Parsell, Tina Toohey

Absent: Donna Richardson, Joan Sizer

Call to order at 1:00 p.m. by chairperson Matthew Cox.

Approval of minutes of last meeting 03 12 24: Approved as written –Tina(m) Phyllis (s)

Correspondence: none

Old Business: Angel Fund Update: Matthew reported that about \$325,000 has been collected for the victims of the Somersville fire. A retired probate judge will be hired as Special Master to administer remaining funds and close out the program.

Ailene asked about UR Community Cares since people are having difficulty using their service. Matthew will go on the website and write down the steps to navigate it and will pass this on the interested people. Matthew talked about organizing a similar chore service and asked if there had been a recent town survey asking about needs. Maureen stated that a chore service in Enfield has been discontinued for liability reasons. Christina reported that the senior population is growing with more needs.

New Business:

Senior Center Update:

Maureen distributed the new Dial-a-Ride handbook. Eileen stated that the map of Woodcrest is incorrect. Maureen will update this. There is an electronic version on the website. Christina asked if health aides can accompany passengers – yes.

Maureen reported attending a meeting about the proposed Community Center. Efforts are being made to raise funds for this. It will have to come to a vote again. Matthew asked if there is a priority list for funding town improvements to make planning easier.

Social Services: Christina reported that there are currently 11 clients in Meals on Wheels. CRT recently reported that meals would be reduced starting April 8 because of lack of funding. Matthew reported that this has been reversed as per his conversations with CRT staff and that they found funds so meals will continue as before until September. He reported that discussions will continue with the vendor, CRT, and NCAAA about challenges moving forward. There was some discussion about alternate MOW options if CRT does not receive funding.

Christina reported on programs available for financial assistance.

Announcements: Volunteer Appreciation Event April 22. Eileen reported on the upcoming Piedmont Photo Show sponsored by the Cultural Commission.

Adjournment: 1:55 p.m. With no further business, Tina moved, Marilyn seconded, motion carried.

Next meeting: May 14, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Senior Center

Respectfully submitted:

Ailene Henry, secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting