

**Town of Somers  
Advisory Committee for Seniors  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2025**

**Present:** Tina Toohey, Pat Bachetti, Ailene Henry, John Kelleher, Maureen Parsell, Annette Ramsdell, Donna Richardson, Eileen Fedorowich, Joan Sizer, Marilyn Gaskill, and Matthew Cox

**Absent:** Phyllis Gwilliam

**Guest:** Gloria Coles

**Call to order** at 1:05 p.m. by chairperson Matthew Cox, who also welcomed today's guest member of the audience, Gloria Coles.

**Approval of minutes of February 11, 2024:** Tina moved, and Eileen seconded the motion to approve the February 11<sup>th</sup> minutes with changes noted (that Joan seconded Phyllis's motion to adjourn) by Tina. And that in January, Tina made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Phyllis. After discussion, the motion carried. Matthew will amend the January minutes as agreed and repost.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Senior Center Update: Donna**

- Senior Center kitchen renovations are nearing completion and should be completed soon.
- We are still searching for someone to fill the part-time program coordinator position.
- A new, semi-automated BINGO machine and TV will be installed today, making the process and calls easier for the BINGO volunteer. Especially helpful will be the integrated sound system.
- M & T Bank will present on Fraud Awareness, in recognition of National Fraud Awareness Month.
- We will host an AARP Driver Safety course on April 23.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 25.
- The VNA will host an information session on hospice care and common myths about the process.
- Other monthly events were noted such as luncheons and field trips.
- The group also discussed the idea of creating a community garden at the Senior Center.

**Social and Senior Services Update: Annette**

- Access Agency is still accepting applications for energy assistance.
- Operation Fuel has closed for the season.
- Meals on Wheels has openings, which have been promoted to all area faith congregations, medical practices, especially those serving seniors, and social media.
- Annette has spent considerable time on case management and problem solving, addressing some complex and complicated situations with seniors.
- The new financial coaching process is going very well

**Adjournment:** Tina moved, and Ailene seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:12pm. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

**Next meeting:** April 8, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Senior Center

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Cox, Chair