

**Town of Somers
Advisory Committee for Seniors
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2024**

Present: Pat Bachetti, Matthew Cox, Eileen Fedorowich, Marilyn Gaskell, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Christina Hurdle, , Maureen Parsell, Donna Richardson, Joan Sizer

Absent: John Kelleher, Tina Toohey

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

Approval of minutes of last meeting 04 09 24: Approved as amended – see amended copy as distributed by Matthew. Phyllis(m) Marilyn (s)

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

New Business:

Senior Center Update: (Donna) Donna distributed the updated Dial-A-Ride handbook. Eileen suggested a clarification of the pick-up location map for Woodcrest. Donna will work with Eileen on this.

The Mothers' Day celebration was a success.

Donna is looking for volunteers to help with the summer BBQ.

State Line Senior Services will present a program and give all attending a "Legacy Binder" to contain pertinent information (financial, legal etc) to help with estate planning. All agreed that documenting this information is a good idea. Ailene expressed concern that the agency would try to sell their products. Maureen said they were asked not to promote their Medicare products.

The grief support group that was to start on June 3 has had no applicants so will be tabled for now. Matthew suggested a virtual support group but Pat said that would not be successful. Eileen suggested posting grief support information in the Senior Newsletter.

Social Services: (Christina) MOW: 9 active clients. Ongoing funding for CRT is unclear. Matthew has researched cost for a local MOW program and thinks there would be an annual cost of around \$40,000. Christina reported on programs available for financial assistance.

URCommunityCares: (Matthew) Matthew used their web site to sign up as a volunteer and also as a care recipient. He found the site was not user friendly especially for seniors who are not tech savvy.

State Budget Discussion: Maureen reported that the state may cut some of the funding that was designated for Senior Centers. Our application has been submitted but it is unclear whether we will get funding. Matthew suggesting reaching out to our state representative. We discussed publicizing in the newsletter how to get in touch with our representative.

Adjournment: 2:10 p.m. Joan (m), Phyllis (s)

Next meeting: June 11, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Senior Center

Respectfully submitted:

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting