

**Town of Somers
Advisory Committee for Seniors
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2025**

Present: Pat Bachetti, Matthew Cox, Eileen, Fedorowich, Marilyn Gaskell, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, John Kelleher, Maureen Parsell, Annette Ramsdell, Donna Richardson

Absent: Joan Sizer, Tina Toohey

Call to order at 1:05 p.m. by chairperson Matthew Cox

Approval of Minutes of September 9: Phyllis moved, and Eileen seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

New Business:

See attached Senior Center Report presented by Donna Richardson and the Human Services Report presented by Annette Ramsdell.

Additionally, Donna shared the following:

- Shawn Curtis, a Rotary Club member, and his two daughters renovated the outdoor Senior Center sign.
- The Senior Center will have a table at the Seniorhood Fair October 25 at the Vernon Middle school
- On Oct. 17 there will be a cancer awareness program with cider and doughnuts, and goat snuggles.
- There is new artwork in the kitchen done by the Monday art group.
- There will be a Hallowe'en party on Oct. 31 with a Toy Story theme. Children from the recreation department are invited.

We discussed the possibility of forming a volunteer group to help with Senior Center events.

Annette said she would place fliers about CHOICES in the Senior Center, the Post Office and the Somers library and put a notice in the Somers Connect newsletter.

Matthew reported that:

- 900 people in Somers are receiving food stamps and 25% of the population cannot afford basic necessities.
- A fund-raising letter for the Town of Somers Emergency Fund will be sent out in November.
- Collecting specific items for Champ's Place Food Pantry would be helpful. Donna will put a note in the Senior Center newsletter about this.

Adjournment: With no further business, Eileen moved, and Pat seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. There was no discussion and the motion was carried.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday November 18th 1:00 p.m. This is a change because of Veterans' Day.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry, Secretary

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