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MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Greg Caron, Carol Cirienco, Kathy Cucchiarella, Christine MacDonald and Lauren McDonald-Carway. Sandra Elezaj, Patty Otis, and Keeva Young-Wright were absent.

Guest Partners present included: Councilman Cirienco, Somers High School Student Assistance Counselor Tim Pellegrin, Somers Middle School PTA Co-President Karen Collura, and Residents Vinny D'Agnese and Jeannie D'Agostino.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mrs. Cirienco and seconded by Mrs. McDonald-Carway to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Eagle Scout Project** – At their January 14, 2016 Town Board meeting, the Town Board approved resident William Walsh's Eagle Scout Project. He will be renovating (paint, replace the plexi-glass, add letter tracking and add the new name) the existing Partner's display sign on Route 100 and plant flowers around it. Mr. Caron will follow up with him regarding the next steps and a timeline.

**24/7 Crisis Hotline Phone Number** – Mrs. Cirienco still has to connect with Senator Murphy's office regarding a 24/7 Crisis Hotline Phone Number. The flyer that Mrs. MacDonald is working on will be finalized once a number with a "live" person at the receiving end can be determined.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Partners in Prevention Community Coffee** – A request will be made to Somers Middle School Principal Jeff Getman to see if we can use the school Library for the Coffee to be held on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Cirienco will contact Senator Murphy

to see if he can speak about his campaign to combat heroin addiction and prescription drug abuse. If he is not available other suggestions for speakers were Carol Christiansen or the Salomone's from Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, resident Chris Mancini, Ossining pharmacist Trulio Bruno, and representative from Northern Westchester Hospital Center. Mr. Caron suggested that a clip from the 60 Minutes segment "Heroin in the Heartland" that aired on January 24 be part of the presentation. Tasks that need to be completed for the event include invitations, check-in, refreshments, presentation to include 2015 accomplishments, ways in which to partner, and a speaker. Mrs. Cirieco, Ms. D'Agostino and Mrs. MacDonald will work on invitations; Mrs. Schirmer will handle check-in; Mrs. Cirieco offered to take care of refreshments; and Mr. D'Agnese and Mrs. McDonald-Carway will assist Mrs. Cucchiarella with the Power Point presentation. Mrs. Schirmer will see if Somers Daily Voice and The Somers Record can have reporters present. Ms. D'Agostino will research having an ad placed in the Heritage Hills Community Newsletter.

**Mount Kisco and Marijuana: The "Official" View Brochure** – Mrs. Cirieco shared Mount Kisco Partners in Prevention's Mount Kisco and Marijuana: The "Official" View brochure. It was very well done.

**Upcoming Speaker** – The Partners in Prevention will be partnering on bringing speaker Chris Herren to the Somers High School in April. He will also have an evening performance for the residents.

**Suggested Speaker** – Mrs. McDonald-Carway and Mr. Pellegrin suggested having Kevin Sabet speak about his Smart Approaches to Marijuana at some point in the future. Mrs. Cucchiarella will research this further.

**Somers Partners in Prevention Postcard** – Mrs. McDonald-Carway suggested having a Somers Partners in Prevention Postcard printed that includes the Partners in Prevention logo, MedReturn Drug Prescription Box information and 24/7 Crisis Hotline Phone Number that can be used as a handout at events, displayed at local pharmacies and inserted as an advertisement in The Somers Record. She will contact Accel Printing in Mount Kisco for prices. Mrs. Collura shared the advertising rates for The Somers Record.

**Power to the Parent.Org** – Mr. Pellegrin has a large supply of Power to the Parent.Org stickers that have a pizza on it. He and the students in the Somers High School SASSA program will solicit the pizza shops in Town to see if they are willing to put them on the pizza boxes leading up to the Super Bowl on February 7.

**Partners Display Sign** – Mr. Caron will change the message in the Partners Display Sign in time for the Super Bowl.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The Partners will meet again on February 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Town House Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Partners in Prevention

cc: Partners in Prevention  
Town Board  
Town Clerk