

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

Town of Somers

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y.

Telephone
(914) 277-5582

KATHY CUCCHIARELLA
CHAIRMAN

SOMERS TOWN HOUSE
335 ROUTE 202
SOMERS, NY 10589



MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Greg Caron, Carol Cirienco, Kathy Cucchiarella, Christine MacDonald and Patty Otis. Vinny D'Agnese and Sandra Elezaj were absent.

Guest Partners present included: Somers Police Chief Michael Driscoll, Somers Town Councilman Anthony Cirienco, and interested resident Carol Harrigan.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Cucchiarella to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting as submitted. Mr. Caron seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somers High School Open House – Mr. and Mrs. Cirienco were thanked for manning the Partners in Prevention informational table at the Somers High School Open House for the 9th through 12th graders on September 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Display Sign – C&M Signs added a top to the sign with the logo. The cost was \$475. Mrs. Cucchiarella asked if the logo part of it could be made to be more vibrant. In addition to informative messages and events that the Partners are involved in, Mr. Caron suggested that the sign be used for advertising what other groups with similar interests in the area are doing. He will help Mr. D'Agnese with this.

Mrs. Cirienco said it would be a good idea to post something around Thanksgiving. Mrs. Cucchiarella has a Blackout Wednesday flyer that she intends to get out the week before. Arrangements will be made to have it emailed via the Town Supervisor's office, posted on the Partner's Facebook page, included in The Somers Record, as well as Mr. Bayer and Mr. Getman's weekly Principal newsletter.

Somers Partners in Prevention Informational Flyer/Postcard – The flyer that Mrs. MacDonald created will be copied on white hard stock paper and distributed to the Library, Town House, and Heritage Hills Activity Center. Copies will also be made for use when outreach is done. It can also be sent to The Somers Record.

Mrs. MacDonald created one side of the 5 by 7 postcard, which includes the logo, information, a number that can be texted, as well as one that can be dialed 24/7. The MedReturn Drug Prescription Box information will be on the other side. Ultimately this information can be used on the Town television channel, as an ad in The Somers Record, Heritage Hills Reporter, as handouts, on magnets, etc. Accel Printing in Mount Kisco was solicited for prices. A few other prices for copying will be sought as well.

Somers High School Community Volunteer Fair – The Somers Partners in Prevention will have an informational table at the Somers High School Community Volunteer Fair on October 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Cucchiarella will drop off all the supplies and hopefully Mr. D'Agnesse can cover from 10:00 a.m. until she can get there around 10:30 a.m. Mrs. MacDonald will be there at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Dawoud will provide the drunken driving goggles they have.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drug Crisis in Our Backyard – Mrs. MacDonald visited the Drug Crisis in Our Backyard office and brought back some new literature.

1,000 Pound Challenge – Senator Murphy's office planned a 1,000 Pound Challenge for October 22 at the Somers Police Station, but no one was informed until the 20th of October. Something similar happened in August, when they planned a prescription drug take back day and the Partners weren't included. Mrs. Cucchiarella called Senator Murphy's office once again to express her disappointment. If things were planned for earlier, the Partners would have been happy to partner, have a presence, help spread the word, etc. The event scheduled for Somers ended up being cancelled.

Somers High School 2017 Yearbook – An email was received from the President of the Yearbook Committee soliciting ads for the 2017 yearbook. The Committee will once again partake. Mrs. MacDonald will be in touch with the artwork and payment.

Heritage Hills Health and Safety Committee – Heritage Hill's resident Carol Harrigan joined the meeting this evening. She just retired as an addiction social worker and is interested in getting involved. It would be nice to have a presence in Heritage Hills as problems do exist with the older residents. Ms. Harrigan will contact their Health and Safety Committee to see if they are willing to meet with the Partners to discuss how they can partner moving forward.

School Presentation – In the spring of this year, the Partners donated \$500 toward the Chris Herren presentation that was held for the 7th through 12th graders and the community at larger. No speaker has been identified yet for 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The Partners will meet again on November 29, 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