

SOMERS PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

Telephone
(914) 277-3637

LOUIS CHRISTIANSEN
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

Town of Somers

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y.

SOMERS TOWN HOUSE
337 ROUTE 202
SOMERS, NY 10589



MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Kathy Cucchiarella, Lauren McDonald-Carway, and Keeva-Young Wright.

Town Councilman Anthony Ciriaco and Police Chief Michael Driscoll were present.

Guests present included: Mark Bayer, Somers High School Principal, Kathleen Cristiano, School Resource Officer, Resident Sandra Elezaj, Jeff Getman, Somers Middle School Principal, and Matt Hickey, School Resource Officer.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Cucchiarella and seconded by Mrs. McDonald-Carway to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Logo and Slogan Contest – A new flyer for the Logo and Slogan Contest was created and sent to the Somers High, Middle and Intermediate Schools. It was also sent to The Somers Record. The deadline for submissions is November 21. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up to see if any were turned in. Mrs. Cucchiarella also shared some logos that she came up with.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) – Mrs. Henning did some further research into the D.A.R.E. program and is recommending that we not pursue reintroducing it in Somers.

Motivational Speaker Bobby Petrocelli – Plans are underway for securing motivational speaker Bobby Petrocelli for the Somers Middle and High School students on February 24, 2015. The hope is to have him present to the High School in the

morning, Middle School in the afternoon and parents in the evening. Somers Partners in Prevention will contribute up to \$500 for this program.

Communications Brochure – Design and Cost – Mr. Caron contacted Accel Printing regarding a cost for a brochure similar to that of Mt. Kisco. Their cost is \$1,300 for 2,000 brochures, with each additional \$.65. Mrs. Young-Wright will check with Excel Printing in Mahopac for a price as well.

Mrs. Cirieco, Mrs. Cucchiarella and Mrs. Henning have met to start working on the content for the brochure.

All were reminded that there are free sources for brochures on the Westchester County website. Mrs. Cristiano and Mr. Hickey will get some for us and Mrs. Young-Wright will do the same at the Northern Westchester Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summary of White Plains Cares Coalition & White Plains PTA – Somers Principal Mr. Bayer and resident Mrs. Elezaj attended the Coalition and gave a summary of the presentation.

Website – Mrs. McDonald-Carway and Mrs. Schirmer are working together on updating the information and links on the Somers Partners in Prevention page of the Town website.

Remaining 2014 Budget – The \$500 payment that was approved for Bobby Petrocelli's presentation has to be paid with 2015 money since it will not take place until February. Funds left in the 2014 budget can be used to purchase a banner, give-a-ways, brochures, etc.

Mrs. Cucchiarella would like to purchase a ½ page ad in the SHS Yearbook for \$180 on behalf of Partners in Prevention. All agreed it was a good idea and Mrs. Schirmer did confirm that money from the budget can be used for this type of expenditure.

Proposed 2015 Meeting Dates – Both Principal Mr. Bayer and Mr. Getman will have a conflict on May 12 as the Partners have a meeting scheduled and they will have to attend the School Board meeting. Our meeting will be rescheduled as the date gets closer.

Budget for 2015 – Plans will be made as to what to spend the 2015 allotted funds on in January.

2015 Goals for the Somers Partners in Prevention – All were asked to come prepared to share goals for 2015 at the December meeting.

Protecting the Youth of Somers: A Community Conversation About the Dangers

of Drug and Alcohol Use – The Somers Partners in Prevention will be one of the partners in this program being held at the SHS in the auditorium from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Other partners include Drug Crisis In Our Backyard, Student Assistance, Westchester County Police, Somers High School PTSA, The Somers Record and Somers Police. We will have an informational table at this event.

2015 SHS Senior Prom – All SHS Senior Prom attendees will be required to ride School District provide buses to and from the prom next year.

Somers Med Return – Police Chief Driscoll reported that 39 pounds of pills were destroyed on November 3 at the County incinerator.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Partners in Prevention

cc: Partners in Prevention
Town Board
Town Clerk