

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

Town of Somers

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MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2015

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

Guest Partners present included: Councilman Cirienco, Police Chief Mike Driscoll, Somers Middle School PTA Co-President Karen Collura, and Resident Vinny D'Agnese.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mrs. MacDonald to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letter of Support for Drug Crisis In Our Backyard – Drug Crisis In Our Backyard is applying for a grant and asked for a letter of support, which was created and sent to them in mid-November.

24/7 Crisis Hotline Phone Number – Mrs. Cirienco contacted Senator Murphy's office regarding a 24/7 Crisis Hotline Phone Number. 211 can be used, but one of his staff will get back to her with another number as well. It was suggested that perhaps the Senator could attend our next meeting to talk about his initiatives on the heroin crisis. Mrs. Cirienco will follow up. Mrs. MacDonald shared a draft of a flyer she created for that number once received. All were asked to get back to her with any suggested edits, changes, etc. Once finalized, it will be printed, distributed around town. The number will also be added to our display sign, website, etc.

Public Relations – Mrs. Cucchiarella created a list of Public Relation contacts. She will share it at the January meeting for review and suggested additions, etc. She has also been in touch with Somers Daily Voice reporter Tom Auchterlonie, who hopefully will do a story about the Partners. She will also contact The Somers Record.

Prescription Take Back Box – Police Chief Driscoll reported that 502 pounds of

medication have been left in the Prescription Take Back box since the beginning of the year.

2016 Budget – The 2016 Budget will be adopted by the Town Board at their December 10 meeting. Hopefully the tentative amount for the Partners of \$2,330 will remain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Project – The Partners in Prevention met with resident William Walsh to review and discuss his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to renovate (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. His project was unanimously accepted as submitted by a motion made by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mrs. Elezaj. A memo will be sent to the Town Board respectfully requesting their approval as well.

April Partners Coffee – All agreed that it would be a good idea to have another April Partners Coffee in place of the monthly meeting. Planning will begin at the January meeting.

Portchester Cares – Mrs. Cucchiarella is now receiving email blast from Portchester Cares and suggested that all members take a look at their website and request to do the same. They have a lot of very useful information.

New Partners Member – Mr. D'Agnese will be sending a letter to the Supervisor's office expressing his interest in becoming a permanent member of the Partners in Prevention. He has been a regular guest member for several months now.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The Partners will meet again on January 26, 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