

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2015

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

Town Councilman Anthony Cirienco and Police Chief Michael Driscoll, and Sargeant Richie Barker were present.

Guests present included: Mark Bayer, Somers High School Principal, Jeff Getman, Somers Middle School Principal, and Student Assistance Counselor Lydia Whitney.

All were saddened to learn of the passing of former Chairman Lou Christiansen.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mrs. Cirienco to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Logo Status** – Mr. Getman shared samples of a new logo created by Somers Middle School art teacher Gary Wanderlingh. All agreed on one and were grateful for Mr. Wanderlingh's generosity.

**Bobby Petrocelli** – Motivational speaker Bobby Petrocelli will present a program to the Somers High School students on February 24 in the morning. In the afternoon a different presentation will be available to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Somers Middle School. That evening, a third offering will be made to the parents and community at large. The Partners will be paying \$500 toward this program. Advertising this event was discussed. Mrs. Cucchiarella asked that all members let her know how they can help in this effort. The Partners will set up a table that evening as well.

**Miscellaneous** – The calendar and list of upcoming expenses has to be updated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Senator Murphy's Prescription Drugs and Heroin Forum** – On January 29, Councilman Ciriaco, Mrs. Cucchiarella, and Mr. Bayer attended a forum on prescription drugs and heroin sponsored by Senator Murphy at the Mount Pleasant Town Hall. The Senator's seven point plan in eradicating the heroin and prescription problem was presented. All briefed the group with their input.

**Yorktown ASK's Save a Life Event** – Yorktown ASK sponsored a free Save a Life Event on February 8. Mrs. Cucchiarella attended and shared her experience. She would like the Partners to sponsor a similar program next year. Yorktown ASK and Drug Crisis in Our Backyard would be interested in co-sponsoring. It was suggested that some local schools be asked to join in as well.

**Partner Support Letter** – Mrs. Cucchiarella distributed a draft of a letter she crafted to gain community partner support. All were asked to give feedback. A meeting will be held on April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in place of the regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Getman offered the Somers Middle School Library as the venue. The invite list will be worked on. If anyone has someone they want included, please email Mrs. Cucchiarella.

**November and December Meeting Dates** – Both the November and December meeting dates fall in the same week of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. A poll will be taken to see if the members want to meet as scheduled in those months or on Tuesdays, November 10 and December 8 respectively.

**March Meeting Agenda** – At the request of Councilman Ciriaco, fundraising and grants will be added to the March meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and the next meeting will be on March 24, 2015 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