

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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## MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Greg Caron, Lauren McDonald-Carway, Carol Cirienco, Kathy Cucchiarella, Sandra Elezaj, Christine MacDonald, Patty Otis and Keeva-Young Wright. Michelle Henning was absent.

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

Guests present included: Mark Bayer, Somers High School Principal, Resident Jean D'Agostino, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Wahlers, and Student Assistance Counselor Lydia Whitney.

Congratulations were extended to Police Chief Driscoll on his nomination of the Somers Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mrs. Elezaj and seconded by Mr. Caron to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**April 28 Partners Community Coffee Re-Cap** – The Community Coffee held on April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Middle School Library was well attended, 25 plus the Partners and Partner's Guests. A thank you email was sent to all. Knights of Columbus representative Frank Tomasulo sent a complimentary email. Mrs. Cucchiarella was invited to speak to the Lions, which she did last week. They are interested in partnering and shared ideas, as well as suggestions for grants. The Leos would like Mrs. Cucchiarella to speak to their group in September.

**Community Opioid Overdose Training** – There will be a free training for the public on how to respond to an opioid overdose using Naloxone (Narcan) on June 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Somers Library. This is being sponsored by the Westchester County Health Department, Town of Somers Police Department and Somers Partners in Prevention. All Partners and Partner's Guests have been given an opportunity to enroll. An

invitation will be extended to the attendees of the Community Coffee. Mrs. Cirienco and Mrs. MacDonald will man the Partners in Prevention table at this event. It will be posted on the Partner's Facebook page. The Town will also be asked to advertise this training.

**Website** – Some obvious changes need to be made to the Partners page of the Town website. Mrs. McDonald-Carway and Mrs. Schirmer will work on this. All were asked for their input as well. Suggestions included: listing the mission on the top of the page; add logos and links for partners; have a dedicated non-emergency line for the SPP; add a tab on the homepage for the SPP; add hot line phone numbers to the page; add the SPP Facebook link to the page; and eliminate the phone number; add a link that directs the user to an email; and in general, it should be more user friendly.

**Display Sign** – Mr. Caron has been updating the message on the display sign on a regular basis. Arrangements will be made by Mrs. MacDonald to have a waterproof logo made for the blank side of the display. Mr. Caron will research solar lighting alternatives for the display sign as well.

**2014 Purchases** – Monies encumbered from 2014 still have to be spent. Some was used to take an ad out in the Somers High School yearbook. A tablecloth with the logo will be purchased. The remainder will be used to have the waterproof logo printed for the display sign.

**Fundraising and Grant Writing** – The Town is hiring a grant writer. Mrs. Cucchiarella will let the Supervisor know that the Partner's do have some requests.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**SHS Program** – The County will be supplying a DWI simulator for the High School students on May 28. Ideal would be two days, but they were booked. Plans will be made to have it again during Red Ribbon Week in October. Police Chief Driscoll asked Bryson's about bringing a wrecked car for the day. They prefer to be able to leave the car at the school for a week, so it may not be able to be left for just a day. He will follow up.

**Middle School Program** – It was suggested that perhaps there could be a program geared toward the Middle School students about the dangers of getting in the car with someone who has been drinking. Mrs. Cucchiarella will speak to Resource Officer Cristiano about incorporating this topic into the health classes she is involved with.

**What's Next?** – A discussion ensued about next steps for the Partners. The Community Coffee meeting attendees will be included. In an effort to get the youth involved, a Town Meeting for the Middle and High School students can be planned to include former students who have overcome addiction issues, Drug Crisis in our Backyard, etc. All were asked to think about this further.

**Remaining Meeting Dates** – The remaining meeting dates for 2015 are June 23, July

28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 10 and December 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The Partners will meet again on June 23, 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