

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2015

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

Carol Cirieco, Sandra Elezaj, Michelle Henning and Keeva-Young Wright were absent.

Police Chief Driscoll was also present.

Guests present included: Residents Vinny D'Agnese and Jean D'Agostino, as well as Somers Middle School Principal Jeff Getman.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Cucchiarella and seconded by Mr. Caron to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Event – The Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers event will be held on September 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Towne Centre at Somers. All agreed that it would be nice if members could bring cookies, cupcakes, cake, etc. for the table. An email will be sent out for coverage of the table. Mrs. Schirmer will provide color copies of the MedReturn prescription drug collection box flyer.

League of Women Voters – Mrs. Cucchiarella spoke at the League of Women Voters meeting on August 10 in the Somers Library. Councilman Cirieco and Mr. D'Agnese were also in attendance. She gave a shortened version of the April coffee presentation. Some participants expressed an interest in helping. A list of ideas as to how people can partner with us has to be created. Mrs. Cucchiarella has been asked to speak to the Girl Scout leaders, and will do so in the fall. Others in the Partners are more than welcome to speak to community groups too.

NEW BUSINESS:

Repair of Sign Display Case – Mr. Caron reached out to Steve Chester of Signs Ink with regard to repairing the sign display case. They will replace the glass, add the new name and add tracking so that lettering can go across the entire display. The regular cost would be \$1,400, but Signs Ink would only charge \$1,000. This item will be included in the 2016 budget.

Final 2016 Budget – Although the Town Supervisor has issued a mandatory 5% decrease in Contractual budget items, since the Partners have reorganized, in addition to repairing the display board, and continuing with having a presence at the Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers day, and contributing toward a speaker at the Somers High School, the purchase of things like solar lighting for the display board, marketing materials, display cases for marketing materials, business cards, newspaper ads, give-a-ways with the Partners information and logo on it, etc. are necessary. A list of what is needed and costs was created. It will be submitted along with a justification letter to the Finance Department on August 28.

Thank You – Mrs. Cucchiarella shared a thank you letter that she is sending to Bryson's Auto Wrecking for providing a "wrecked car" for the Somers High School.

MedReturn – Police Chief Driscoll reminded everyone that the MedReturn prescription drug collection box really has to remain at the Police Department. Not only is it cumbersome to move and requires numerous people, as well as a big truck, but must always be manned.

Miscellaneous – All agreed that volunteers with public relations, as well as website experience are needed. The website needs to be enhanced and there has to be a direct link for advertising. Additionally creating a Public Service Announcement was discussed. It was suggested that perhaps some High School students or Leos could help with this project and it could be televised on the Town television channel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The Partners will meet again on September 29, 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