

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Greg Caron, Kathy Cucchiarella, Vinny D'Agnese, Sandra Elezaj, Christine MacDonald and Patty Otis. Carol Cirienco was absent.

Guest Partners present included: Somers Education Foundation Board Member Christine Mahoney, Somers High School Student Assistance Counselor Julia Dawoud, Somers Middle School Principal Jeff Getman, and Somers Middle School PTA Co-President Karen Collura.

The Harris Project founder Stephanie Marquesano was also present.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Elezaj to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2016 meeting as submitted. Mr. D'Agnese seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Harris Project – Founder Stephanie Marquesano joined us this evening with a Power Point presentation about The Harris Project. She lost her son Harris to an overdose in October 2013. Their focus is on treating co-occurring disorders (mental and drugs) simultaneously, as 70% of the addicts have underlying mental health issues. They offer a training class called Youth Mental Health First Aid and created a CODA (Co-Occurring Disorder Awareness) Club. Mrs. Cucchiarella will speak to Mr. Bayer about presenting a program at the High School and Ms. Dawoud will research offering the Youth Mental Health First Aid class, as well as starting a CODA Club.

Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Event – The Partners had an informational table at the Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Event on September 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Towne Centre at Somers. Mrs. Cucchiarella thanked Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Otis and her husband, as well as her husband and daughter for helping out. Lots of screen cleaners, pencils and prescription

take back flyers were distributed. Stuart's Farm was gracious enough to donate apples.

Somers Middle and High School Open Houses – Mr. D'Agnese was thanked for manning the Partners in Prevention informational table at the Somers Middle School Open House for the 6th grade on September 8, and Mrs. Elezaj, for that of the 7th and 8th grade on September 14. Mrs. Cirieco will represent at the High School Open House on September 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Display Sign – Mr. D'Agnese continues to post different messages on the Display Sign and welcomes any suggestions that anyone may have. Solar lights have been purchased and installed. C&M Signs will be add a top to the sign with the logo at a cost of \$475. The project should be complete in a week or so.

Somers Partners in Prevention Informational Flyer/Postcard – Mrs. MacDonald shared a draft of a document she prepared about the Partners in Prevention, which includes the logo, information, a number that can be texted, as well as one that can be dialed 24/7. It can be used as a flyer or made into a postcard. When made into a 5 by 7 postcard, the MedReturn Drug Prescription Box information will be provided on the other side. Ultimately this information can be used on the Town television channel, as an ad in The Somers Record, Heritage Hills Reporter, as handouts, on magnets, etc. Accel Printing in Mount Kisco was solicited for prices.

Somers High School Community Volunteer Fair – As has been done in the past the Somers Partners in Prevention will have an informational table at the Somers High School Community Volunteer Fair on October 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mr. D'Agnese can be there for the entire time and Mrs. MacDonald from 11:00 a.m. on. Ms. Dawoud will provide the drunk driving goggles they have.

Northeast Westchester Rotary Club – Kathi Casella, President of the Northeast Westchester Rotary Club emailed Mrs. Cucchiarella to remind her of their desire to partner with the Somers Partners in Prevention. She would like to continue receiving email reminders, agendas and minutes, as their meeting nights have changed precluding her from attending the Partners monthly meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Burbio On-line Calendar – Mrs. Cucchiarella has subscribed the Partners to an on-line calendar called Burbio that links to the page on the Town website. All of the 2016 meeting dates have been posted. Future events can be added as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The Partners will meet again on October 25, 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