

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2015

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

Greg Caron, Lauren McDonald-Carway, and Michelle Henning were absent.

Councilman Anthony Cirieco was also present.

Guest Partners present included: Resident Vinny D'Agnese and Somers Middle School PTA Co-President Karen Collura.

Guest Susan Salomone, President of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard was also in attendance.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Otis and seconded by Mrs. MacDonald to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Event Recap – The Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers event was very well attended. Having food at the table seemed to attract people. A thank you was sent to Stuart's Fruit Farm for their apple donation. Mrs. Cucchiarella expressed her thanks to those who provided coverage of the table.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drug Crisis In Our Backyard – President of Drug Crisis In Our Backyard Susan Salomone joined us this evening, as she is interested in partnering with our group. She and her husband, along with Carol and Lou Christiansen started the 501(c)(3) in 2012 after they lost their son's to heroin overdoses. They felt it was important to go public

with their stories to make people aware of this disease. Mrs. Salomone shared flyers about their upcoming events and support groups. Various ideas were shared and a productive discussion ensued. We look forward to future joint efforts.

Partnering With Somers Leos – Tomorrow evening Mrs. Cucchiarella is speaking to the Somers Leos about partnering with us. This is a group of about 200 high schoolers. Mr. D’Agnese and Mrs. MacDonald will join her. Mrs. Cucchiarella welcomes assistance from any members who can make themselves available to speak to community groups.

Somers High School Open House – On Thursday, October 1 the Somers High School will have their Open House at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Cirienco will man our table. Information, give-a-ways and candy will be available.

National/Outgoing Prescription Drug Take Back Day – National Prescription Drug Take Back Day was on September 26. The Partner’s new logo was added to the Town’s Med Return flyer and it will be available as a handout when outreach is done. All are encouraged to copy it in color and think about places it can be posted, left, etc. Some color copies will be made with the little bit of money that is left in the 2015 budget. The flyer is now running on the Town television channel and it was sent out in an email blast. Mrs. Cucchiarella will see if they can run it on the school channel as well. Mrs. Schirmer will see if it can be placed in the Heritage Hills newsletter.

Somers High School Volunteer Fair – There will be a Volunteer Fair at the Somers High School on October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All agreed to have a presence. Mr. D’Agnese will attend to man the Partner’s table. Mrs. Cucchiarella will create a list of potential volunteer opportunities.

Purchases – Mrs. Cucchiarella purchased phone screen cleaners with the Somers Partners in Prevention logo and Mrs. MacDonald had a banner made. 2015 funds were used.

Eagle Scout Project – Resident Will Walsh emailed Mrs. Schirmer about his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to improve the Somers Partners in Prevention sign display and the area around it. Mrs. Schirmer asked him to provide her with a detailed proposal that the Partners could review and then in turn make a recommendation to the Town Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The Partners will meet again on October 27, 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