

SOMERS PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Carol Ciriaco, Greg Caron, Kathy Cucchiarella, Michele Henning, and Patricia Otis.

Guests present included: Kathleen Cristiano, School Resource Officer, Anthony Ciriaco, Town Councilman and Lydia Whitney, SHS Student Assistant Counselor

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mrs. Cucchiarella to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Event – We will have an informational table at the Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers event on Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Towne Centre at Somers. A discussion took place regarding assignments, literature to distribute, at the event, etc.

Outreach – A calendar was created and sent to all members. Mrs. Ciriaco will man an informational table for the Somers High School Open House on October 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Both Mr. Caron and Mrs. Cucchiarella have been in touch with Nan Miller, Coordinator of the Mt. Kisco Partners in Prevention. They have paid staff and have had much success with securing grants, as well as working with local clergy. Mr. Caron and Mrs. Cucchiarella plan to attend their monthly meeting tomorrow evening.

Councilman Ciriaco received an email from Brett Freeman of The Somers Record and also a Chamber of Commerce member regarding a Drug Abuse Program they are

hosting at the Somers Community Center on October 7, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. It would be a good opportunity for Somers Partners in Prevention to participate. Councilman Cirienco will follow up and email everyone with the information.

Name Change and Mission Statement – At their August 21, 2014 meeting, the Town Board passed a resolution recognizing the Somers Substance Abuse Council as “Somers Partners in Prevention – as a working title of the Somers Substance Abuse Council.”

Logo and Slogan Contest – A flyer for the Logo and Slogan Contest will be sent to the Somers High, Middle and Intermediate Schools by the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motivational Speaker Bobby Petrocelli – Several years ago, the PTA secured motivational speaker Bobby Petrocelli to present his program, 10 Seconds to the SHS students. It was very moving and they would like to bring him back the last week in October. This is an ideal opportunity for partnering. A motion was made by Mrs. Cirienco and seconded by Mr. Caron to contribute up to \$500 for this program, if the PTA is able to make arrangements for his presentation again.

Business Cards – It was suggested that it might be a good idea for the members to have business cards. Mrs. Schirmer can do them in-house for anyone that wants some.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) – Mrs. Henning is interested in bringing the D.A.R.E program back to Somers. She is not sure why it ended, but is willing to do some research and report back at the next meeting.

Acting Chair – In Mr. Christiansen's absence, an Acting Chair is needed for the remainder of the year. Mr. Caron made a motion to have Mrs. Cuchiarella fill this position. After a brief discussion, a decision was made to table this item until the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Substance Abuse Council

cc: Substance Abuse Council
Town Board
Town Clerk