

SOMERS PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2014

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

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

Guests present included: Mark Bayer, Somers High School Principal, Resident Sandra Elezaj, Jeff Getman, Somers Middle School Principal, and Resident Christine MacDonald.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Cirioco and seconded by Mr. Caron to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Event – We had 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. The Prescription Take Back Program flyer was a good opener. A decent amount of literature was distributed. About fifteen people gave their name and email address as being interested in getting involved. All will be invited to attend meetings and will receive copies of minutes.

Somers Chamber of Commerce Drug Abuse Seminar – The Somers Partners in Prevention co-sponsored a Drug Abuse Seminar with the Somers Chamber of Commerce on October 7 at the Somers Community Center. There was a panel of speakers who did a great job. It was unfortunate that there were not more parents present.

Logo and Slogan Contest – A new flyer for the Logo and Slogan Contest was created and sent to the Somers High, Middle and Intermediate Schools. It was also sent to The Somers Record.

Motivational Speaker Bobby Petrocelli – Plans are underway for securing motivational speaker Bobby Petrocelli for the Somers High School students. Somers Partners in Prevention will contribute up to \$500 for this program.

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.

New Chair – The Town Board has named Mr. Christiansen Chairman Emeritus of the Somers Partners in Prevention. Mrs. Cucchiarella is interested in being appointed as the Chairman. Additionally all members are in support of that decision. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Resource Officer Update – Mrs. Cucchiarella was happy to report via School Resource Officer Cristiano that in the Somers Middle School health classes, the students are receiving education on substance abuse and Mrs. Cristiano discusses the legal side of it.

Ideas Shared:

Sources are needed for grant money.

Corporate sponsors are needed.

Awareness has to be heightened and a positive message built for the community. Key points should be education, outreach, awareness and prevention. i.e. The Somers Partners in Prevention is a community alliance to help our youth stay alcohol and drug free.

In-town speakers from parents who have had issues with their children should be secured.

Conduct written and televised interviews in response to some of the concerns about risky behaviors.

The Somers Partners in Prevention has to create a message, determine who they want their partners to be and then ask them to help share that message.

Moving Forward:

Mr. Caron will research having a brochure done.

Mrs. McDonald-Carway and Mrs. Schirmer will work on updating the website.

Mrs. Cucchiarella and Mrs. Henning will create a more cohesive mission plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park, instead of Tuesday, November 11, due to the Veteran's Day Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Partners in Prevention

cc: Partners in Prevention
Town Board
Town Clerk