

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Meredith Byrne, Mike Driscoll, and Caroline Shenefield-Angiello.

Guests present included: Phil Campbell, Assistant Principal Somers High School; Kathleen Cristiano, Westchester County Police School Resource Officer (Somers Intermediate and Middle Schools); Dineen DeVito, Somers High School PTA President; Jeff Getman, Principal Somers Middle School; and Lydia Whitney, Somers High School Student Assistance Counselor.

Minutes – The minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting were not approved as there was not a quorum of those present at this evening’s meeting.

With the assistance of the School Principals, a blurb advertising the need for additional Council members was disseminated via their weekly newsletters. To date, nine residents have responded as being interested in serving on the Council. Arrangements will be made for each to meet with the Town Board in April.

In his absence, Somers High School Principal Mark Bayer asked that an email regarding a presentation by Chris Herren be shared. Mr. Bayer heard him speak at Lakeland High School and thinks his story would benefit the students.

At the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America’s National Leadership Forum, keynote speaker Nora Volkow presented “Marijuana’s Effects on the Brain, Body and Behavior”. The link was sent to all Council members for their review.

Tomorrow Police Chief Driscoll will be meeting with the County to discuss a grant to provide an underage drinking check in Somers just before the prom.

Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello met with the Somers Education Foundation regarding a grant to conduct a retail compliance check training for the businesses in Town. This was done in the past with good results. Not only does it give the business positive press, but they get a 10% reduction on their insurance.

Mrs. Schirmer will check out the Federal and County websites to see what free literature might be available that can be used when the Council does outreach.

Police Chief Driscoll will be meeting with a Department of Health representative over the next two weeks in hopes of having a Town-wide training session on the use of Narcan, an anti-opiate nasal spray. The Somers Ambulance service uses Narcan and it is his hope to expand that to include the Somers State and Town Police. Between 2007 and 2012, Narcan was used 63 times in Somers.

Somers Town Judge Timone will attend the April Council meeting at the request of Mrs. Schirmer.

On April 2, Mark Sterner will be speaking to all of the Somers High School students.

The Council needs a logo and tag line. It was suggested that a contest be created for the Somers High and Middle School students. Mrs. Schirmer will work with Mr. Bayer and Mr. Getman to get this going.

A Project Chart was created and reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Substance Abuse Council

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