

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Greg Caron, Kathy Cucchiarella, Lauren McDonald-Carway, Carol Cirienco, Mike Driscoll, Michele Henning and Pat Otis.

Guests present included: Mark Bayer, Somers High School Principal; Anthony Cirienco, Town Councilman; Kathleen Cristiano, School Resource Officer; Resident Kate Harding and Matt Hickey, School Resource Officer.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Cirienco and seconded by Mrs. McDonald-Carway to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

All new members of the Council were welcomed and introductions were made. A brief summary of past history was given as well.

Unfortunately there was no response to the Logo and Slogan Contest as it was distributed too late in the school year. Arrangements will be made to get the information out to the Middle and High Schools soon after school starts in September.

The focus of this evening's meeting was to create a mission that would be a positive marketing tool. A discussion also ensued about changing the name of the group to better reflect its mission. After a considerable sharing of thoughts and ideas, a unanimous decision was made to rename the group Somers Partners in Prevention – in association with the Somers Substance Abuse Council. Dialogue continued to create a mission statement and the final unanimous decision was as follows: To build a safer community by efficiently addressing alcohol and drug use, as well as other risk taking behaviors through advocacy, hope and awareness. A memo will be sent to the Town Board formally requesting this change.

The key items on the August meeting agenda will be creating a communication plan and calendar.

In closing, Police Chief Driscoll was happy to report that since its inception in August 2013, 507 pounds of pills have been collected through the Somers Med Return program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12 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