

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**August 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Greg Caron, Kathy Cucchiarella, Mike Driscoll and Lauren McDonald-Carway.

Guests present included: Mark Bayer, Somers High School Principal; Anthony Cirioco, Town Councilman and Matt Hickey, School Resource Officer.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mrs. Cucchiarella and seconded by Mr. Caron to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Name Change and Mission Statement** – A memo was sent to the Town Board requesting approval for a name change from Somers Substance Abuse Council to Somers Partners in Prevention – in association with the Somers Substance Abuse Council, as well as a new mission statement. This item is on their August agenda.

**Logo and Slogan Contest** – After school starts, the flyer for the Logo and Slogan Contest will be sent to the Somers High, Middle and Intermediate Schools.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Communication Plan and Calendar** – Many ideas were discussed and exchanged. It is time to plan, build and run. The website needs to be updated, but in the meantime a notation of “New updates on the way...check back at a later date” added; outreach must include directing folks to the website and Facebook page; arrangements need to be made to conduct an Overdose Prevention training workshop; the message on the Council sign on Route 100 has to be updated; networking with Somers community and

outside organizations has to happen, including attending programs – when seeking partnerships, the conversations have to be consistent; a chart listing Somers community organizations including contact information, emails, etc. has to be created; the supplies on hand have to be inventoried; and a calendar of events the Council should attend has to be done.

**Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Event** – The Council 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. Handouts including an informational flyer about the Council, Somers Med Return information, Logo and Slogan Contest, Overdose Prevention Rescue Kit, Council pencils and any other pertinent documents will be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9 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