

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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### MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Andy Casimir, Carol Cirienco, Kathy Cucchiarella, Margaret DiLorenzo, Lauren Johnson and Pat Otis.

Resident Tom Mauro was also present.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mrs. Otis to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Cirienco seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Town Budget Expenditures Update** – \$3,000 was approved for the 2026 budget. Mrs. Schirmer was reimbursed \$105 for ingredients for Shirley Temples, cups, graduation tablecloth and banner as well as a sign for the Shirley Temples for an alcohol awareness activity for the High School seniors. The balance in the account is \$932.

#### **Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant:**

The progress report is due in August.

The DWI simulator that was set up at the High School the morning of the Senior Prom was well received. Thank you to Pat Tomassi and the Westchester County Police for their help in arranging.

Mrs. Johnson submitted a wonderful op ed in The Somers Record last week.

An insert was placed in The Somers Record graduation issue.

#### **Student Assistance Services Counselors Updates**

Although Ms. Casey and Ms. Pereira were not at the meeting, Mrs. Cucchiarella reported that they both prepared safe summer activities for their students. Ms. Casey

served Shirley Temples to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders as part of an alcohol awareness activity. Ms. Pereira had prom safety brochures for the 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Somers High and Middle School Principal Updates** – The Principals were not present however Mrs. Cucchiarella will make arrangements to meet with the new Somers Middle School Principal, Mr. Brennan before school starts.

**Youth Programs Updates** – Hopefully, some Somers High and Middle School students will be willing to attend the Partners meetings next school year, especially since they are Zoom meetings.

**Somers Police Chief Updates** – Police Chief Linkletter was not at the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Youth Vaping Initiative** – A \$5,000 grant was awarded to create a Youth Vaping PSA. Mrs. Cucchiarella has asked Ms. Casey and Ms. Pereira to work with some of their upcoming students to create the PSA, which hopefully can be shown at the Carmel movie theatre as it reopened. They may also reach out to Samantha Wagner regarding the Pillow Talk program she did. Mrs. Cucchiarella will reach out to the movie theatre.

**Narcan Training** – Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Cucchiarella were supposed to Narcan train the Somers Middle School staff last March. As another year has passed, Mrs. Cucchiarella will make an appointment with the new Somers Middle School Principal Paul Brennan over the summer to make these arrangements.

Narcan Kits that were handed out to the Somers High School staff are now expired as they are only good for 4 years. Mrs. Cucchiarella and Mrs. Johnson will make arrangements to attend a faculty meeting to distribute new ones and will include a short overview of drug use trends. Mr. Casimir suggested the same be done as part of Medication Take Back.

All of the High School seniors in Putnam County get a Narcan Kit when they graduate. Mrs. Cucchiarella would like to do the same in Somers. She will research the schools in Westchester County to see who might be doing that as well.

**Freshman Peer Leadership** – Mrs. Cucchiarella hoped to coordinate with students with the assistance of Doug Packard to move forward with an addition to the current Freshman Peer Leadership program and hoped to have Andy Duran, CEO of LEAD, run a one-day workshop. This project has been put on hold as DFC funds are limited at the moment.

**Lion's/Leo's Partnership/Opportunities** – Mrs. Ciriaco will connect Mrs. Cucchiarella with Lion's Club President Glen Karoglanian and Dr. Bridgham who oversees the Leos.

**Adult Mental Health Training** – Mrs. Johnson is certified to teach Adult Mental Health Training which is a 7-hour class. A minimum of 4 is needed to run the class with a maximum of 30. The Partners can pay for the manuals and guides for the participants.

She and Mrs. Cucchiarella will come up with some dates and see if the Program Room in the Library is available.

**Somers High School Scholarship** – Mrs. Schirmer spoke with the Town's Finance Director and Town budgeted funds cannot be used for scholarships.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Event Non-Permitted Alcohol Consumption** – A conversation took place about the Partners having an informational table at large sporting events for education and awareness. It was also suggested that perhaps DFC Grant funds be used to hire security to enforce non-permitted alcohol consumption at these bigger events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and the Partners will meet next on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Partners in Prevention

cc: Partners in Prevention  
Town Board  
Town Clerk