

ELDERLY COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING: April 27, 2009 at 5:00pm
East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2009:

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:03pm, by Claire Badstubner, Chairman.

- II. Attendance:
 - Present Members: Claire Badstubner (Chairman), Elizabeth Burns (Municipal Agent), Trevor Bray, Deb Donovan
 - Absent Member: Catherine Drouin (Co-Chairman), Madeleine Thompson
 - Guests: Dale Nelson (Selectwoman)

- III. Previous Minutes:
 - Regular Meeting 3/23/09:
MOTION made by Ms. Donovan to accept the minutes, as presented. **SECONDED** by Mr. Bray. **ALL VOTING IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

- IV. Cell Phones for Seniors:
 - A. *Update from 4/2/09:* Ms. Donovan provided commission with an update on the 4/2/09 cell phone safety program held at the Senior Center. Ms. Donovan reported that there was a small turnout. Ms. Donovan also reported that when she picked up the cell phones from Simply Wireless they had, in fact, not been checked/programmed. Simply Wireless acknowledged their oversight in this matter and will check and program these phones soon. The phones will be kept at Simply Wireless until they are needed. No recent phone requests have come in.

Ms. Donovan did obtain a few names from the 4/2/09 program – she will set these individuals up with phones on a one-on-one basis.

Ms. Donovan questioned if the town website has an area on it to post the program dates/information. Ms. Nelson stated that the program date can be put on the community calendar (on-line) with a link to a description. Ms. Burns suggested that Ms. Donovan write up a description and pass it along to Jennifer (First Selectman's office) and she should be able to link it to the calendar on-line.

 - B. *Survey Update:* Mr. Bray reported that 90 people attended the social at the Senior Center earlier this month. After placing surveys on each table, there were only 8 replies. Mr. Bray states that the responses did vary – some had phones, but were not charged; some did not have phones; some commented they wanted a phone.

Ms. Donovan commented that this is an outreach program and that the commission is not trying to convert people to carry the cell phones. The program shows a “caring community, goodwill and safety”. Ms. Badstubner added that since the program costs nothing to run, even a small response of people is okay. There are currently 22 cell phones that have been distributed to interested seniors.

C. *Next Presentation Date:* The next cell phone safety program has been scheduled on the Senior Center's August calendar. The cell phone safety program will be held quarterly at the Senior Center.

V. Senior/Active Adult Survey:

A. *Update on potential UCONN student help:* No update at this time, as Ms. Drouin is absent.

VI. Miscellaneous/New Business:

(Miscellaneous) Mr. Bray asked if Ms. Burns has heard if any stimulus money will be available for a senior center. Ms. Burns responded that she has not heard anything final or absolute yet on where the stimulus money may go. Ms. Burns did state, however, that some may go towards senior transportation (through DOT) and then possibly infrastructure (i.e. bridges, roads). Only "shovel-ready projects" are being considered.

Commission members discussed meeting dates. As previously posted, there will be no meeting in May. Commission will meet, as scheduled, in June. Commission will not meet in July or August and will resume in September.

VII. Adjournment:

MOTION made by Ms. Donovan to adjourn meeting at 5:27pm. **SECONDED BY** Mr. Bray.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Pellegrini