

ELDERLY COMMISSION MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING: November 30, 2011 at 5:30pm
East Windsor Police Department Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2011:

- I. Chairman Badstubner called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

- II. Attendance:
Present Members: Elizabeth Burns (Municipal Agent), Claire Badstubner (Chairman), Catherine Drouin (Co-Chairman), Deb Donovan, Trevor Bray, Madeleine Thompson
Guests: (for presentation of Yellow Dot Program by People's Bank 1:15-1:45pm) Sergeant Stephen Andrusko, Blaine Simpkins (Emergency Management), Jane Simpkins (BBFD)

- III. Previous Minutes:
Regular Meeting 10/24/11: **MOTION** made by Ms. Donovan to accept the minutes as presented. **SECONDED** by Ms. Drouin. **ALL THOSE VOTING: VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

- IV. Added Agenda Items:
None

- V. New Business:
 1. 2012 Meeting Schedule: Commission agreed to schedule four more meetings for the remainder of the 2011/2012 budget year. Commission discussed and agreed to submit the 2012 meeting dates to the Town Clerk.

- VI. Continuing Business:

Yellow Dot Program: Prior to today's special meeting, the Elderly Commission and guests had a conference call (from 1:15-1:45pm) with Angela DeLeon of People's United Bank to highlight the key benefits of the Yellow Dot Program. Ms. DeLeon explained that prior to the kick-off of the program the commission needs to train a trainer, inform the local hospitals of the program and decide on when to schedule the kick-off of the program. She had recommended a kick-off in the spring. Commission agreed that April would be a good time. People's United Bank sponsors this program for those over the age of 60.

After a brief discussion about the training, Deb Donovan, Cathy Drouin and Madeleine Thompson agreed to go for training and to become the "principal trainers".

Commission discussed advertising of the program to the entire community. Discussed advertising at the Senior Center and at the Churches. The commission also talked about making the program more community-wide and to bring in other local small towns/senior center (Windsor Locks, Ellington, Somers and possibly Enfield).

Commission felt that holding an intro program at Merlot would be beneficial. Also, to possibly have the health department on site to do identification photos (which is a

requirement of the Yellow Dot Program). The commission would look for donations from local businesses for items such as food, pencils, and photos.

MOTION was made by Ms. Donovan to proceed with the Yellow Dot Program and to include an invitation to the three surrounding small towns (Windsor Locks, Ellington, and Somers). **SECONDED** by Ms. Drouin. **VOTING IN FAVOR:** Ms. Donovan, Ms. Drouin, Ms. Thompson. **VOTING IN FAVOR, WITH EXCEPTIONS:** Mr. Bray. Mr. Bray voted to proceed with the Yellow Dot Program, but not to expand the invitation to the three surrounding small towns. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Burns will contact Windsor Locks, Ellington and Somers to see if they have an interest in implementing the Yellow Dot Program as well. Ms. Burns will also contact Tom Kuhns at Merlot to see if they would like to host the “kickoff”. In addition, she will contact North Central News for advertising in January, 2012.

It was also suggested that the Elderly Commission plan on having a table at Community Day (May 12) to advertise the program and help people fill out the form.

VII. General Discussion
None

VIII. Public Input – comments only (5 minute maximum)
None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION made by Ms. Drouin to adjourn the special meeting at 2:25. **SECONDED BY** Ms. Donovan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Pellegrini
Recording Secretary – East Windsor Elderly Commission