

ELDERLY COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING: October 28, 2013 at 5:30pm
East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013:

I. Chairman Badstubner called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. Attendance:

Present Members: Elizabeth Burns (Municipal Agent), Claire Badstubner
(Chairman), Catherine Drouin (Co-Chairman), Deb Donovan, Nancy Thurston
Guests: Elderly Commission Sub-Committee Members: Pat Tracy and Dot Bowns

III. Previous Minutes:

Regular Meeting 11/26/12: **MOTION** made by Ms. Drouin to accept the minutes
as presented. **SECONDED** by Ms. Donovan.

ABSTAIN FROM VOTING: Ms. Thurston (absent 11/26/13)

ALL THOSE VOTING: VOTE IN FAVOR.

MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Added Agenda Items:

None

V. New Business:

A. 2014 Meeting Dates:

Members briefly discussed the number of meetings available for the coming year based on the budget. Brief discussion with regards to submitting a schedule of regular meetings versus doing special meetings as needs arise. Committee unanimously agreed to schedule the same meeting schedule as last year (six meetings scheduled before 6/30/14 to be within the budget). Recording Secretary will submit the 2014 regular meeting dates to the Town Clerk.

B. Update status of new Senior Center:

Ms. Burns informed the commission that she is in the process of contacting local businesses to request participation in the building/creating of a new Senior Center. Some businesses have agreed to meet as a group with her and the Elderly Commission's Sub-Committee. After a brief discussion, the sub-committee members at tonight's meeting, sion agreed on scheduling the meeting (with the businesses) at approximately 3:00pm on a Mon, Tue or Wed. Ms. Burns will contact the businesses and arrange a specific date and time. They will plan to meet before the Elderly Commission's January meeting so that they will be able to provide an update at that time.

Ms. Drouin presented information on a USDA Grant that is for the costs of building a Senior Center/Community Center/Safety Center, etc. Ms. Burns will look into it to see if anyone in town has pursued it already. Ms. Donovan stated that she had reached out, earlier, to see if anyone had pursued it and did not receive any response.

Ms. Tracy commented that the current Senior Center is adequate for the number of people participating however, if there was a better Senior Center, there would probably be more participation. Commission and Sub-committee members briefly discussed the idea of a combined Senior Center / Community Center and that it would allow for more grants and more activity. Brief discussion followed.

C. Suggestions for a new survey:

Due to time constraints for today's meeting, it was decided that this will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting (January, 2014).

VI. Continuing Business:

VII. General Discussion

VIII. Public Input - comments only (5 minute maximum)

None

IX. Adjournment

*MOTION made by Ms. Drouin to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm. SECONDED BY
Ms. Donovan. ALL THOSE VOTING: VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pellegrini

Recording Secretary - East Windsor Elderly Commission