

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR ELDERLY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.
EAST WINDSOR HOUSING AUTHORITY
PARK HILL COMMUNITY ROOM
PARK HILL DRIVE
BROAD BROOK, CT.

I. Call to order:

Chairman Badstubner called the Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m. in the Park Hill Community Room, Park Hill Drive, Broad Brook, CT.

II. Attendance:

Present: Claire Badstubner (Chairman), Elizabeth Burns, and Bob Cormier.

Absent: Nancy Viets.

A quorum was established as three members were present.

III. Added Agenda Items None.

III. Approval of Minutes –September 25, 2017:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the East Windsor Elderly Commission dated September 25, 2017 as written.

Burns moved/Cormier seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:In Favor: Badstubner/Burns/Cormier
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

IV. Open Discussion:

a) Report of investigation into role of Elderly Commissions in towns similar to East Windsor:

Betsy Burns contacted the towns of Windsor Locks, Ellington, and Enfield regarding their Elderly Commissions.

- **Windsor Locks** has an Elderly Commission which meets monthly; the meetings are open to the public. They are presently working on revisions

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of their bylaws. Their purpose is to reach out to the community regarding the needs of the aging community

- **Ellington** has a Human Services Commission rather than an Elderly Commission. The Commission is comprised of 8 members who each serve for 4 year terms. They meet monthly; the Director of Human Services and the Director of Senior Services make reports to the Commission as requested. This Commission holds citizen forums occasionally for residents to join them to discuss services they would like to see implemented. The Commission acts as advocates for social and senior services.
- **Enfield** has a Commission on Aging, which consists of 9 members each of whom serve 3 year terms; in addition the Commission also has 2 alternate members. Enfield sees its Commission on Aging as an integral part of Senior Services. They hold an annual breakfast symposium; the most recent symposium was hosted by a local hotel. The Commission studies the needs and develops/coordinates programs for the aging population.

Bob Cormier reported that **Rocky Hill** has no Elderly Commission; the Director of the Senior Center manages the needs of the elderly. She indicated she would like to have the ability to run more programs but isn't currently able.

The Commissioners will continue to survey additional towns.

b) **2018 Meeting dates:**

MOTION: To ACCEPT the proposed Meeting dates for 2018.
Cormier moved/Burns seconded/**DISCUSSION:** See Attachment A.

The Commission will continue to meet on the Fourth Monday evening at 5:30 p.m.; the 2018 Meeting dates will be February 26, March 26, April 23, September 24, and October 22. The East Windsor Housing Authority has agreed to provide use of the Community Room for Elderly Commission Meetings for 2018.

Both Commission Members whose terms are expiring in 2017 have expressed an interest to continue serving. The Recording Secretary has provided reappointment forms for submission to the First Selectmen's Office.

c) **2018 Budget:**

The Commission reviewed information on the final 2017 Budget. Due to the lack of a Municipal Agent at this time the Elderly Commission has asked the Recording Secretary to request the Treasurer's Office to refer the 2018 budget request for the Elderly Commission to Betsy Burns and Claire Badstubner.

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d) **Senior Survey:**

The Commission will contact additional towns, such as Enfield, Ellington, South Windsor, East Hartford, and Windsor Locks, and continue to work on a survey,

e) **Senior Center Update:**

The Commission reiterated the continuing difficulty for seniors to access the current Senior Center on the second floor of the Broad Brook Fire House. The Commission would like to revisit alternative location options.

V. **Public Input – Comments only (5 minute maximum)**

No public in attendance.

VI. **Adjournment:**

MOTION: To ADJOURN at 6:50 p.m.

Cormier moved/Burns seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Elderly Commission