

# TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR ELDERLY COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.

EAST WINDSOR HOUSING AUTHORITY  
PARK HILL COMMUNITY ROOM  
PARK HILL DRIVE, BROAD BROOK, CT.

## MEETING MINUTES

\*\*\* *These Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting*\*\*\*

### 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), Betsy Burns, and Bob Cormier.

**Absent:** Nancy Viets.

Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services, joined the Commission.

### III. Added Agenda Items None.

### IV. Approval of Minutes –October 23, 2017:

**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Minutes of the Elderly Commission dated October 23, 2017 as written.

Burns moved/Cormier seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

### Approval of Notes – April 23, 2018:

**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Notes of the Elderly Commission Meeting dated April 23, 2018 as written.

Cormier moved/Badstubner seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE:** In Favor: Badstubner/Cormier  
Opposed: No one  
Abstained: Burns

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**V. Open Discussion:**

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

The Commission questioned their continuing role in the community. Ms. Burns and Mr. Cormier had called several towns regarding the functions of their Elderly Commissions and found that many commissions are being dissolved while their functions are being absorbed into the Senior Center staff. The Commission discussed options for recruiting younger members.

**b) Senior Survey:**

No discussion this evening.

**c) Senior Center Update:**

Ms. Burns reported she would like to suggest the Commission consider looking into creating a new Senior Center in East Windsor. People continue to cite the difficulty of access for the current Senior Center due to its location on the second floor, and the open floor layout prohibits meetings of multiple small groups. She envisioned a building configured like an octopus – the youth could be in one wing, the seniors in another wing that included a good working kitchen, maybe a street café in another wing. Ms. Burn noted that many communities are combining youth and senior services. Ms. Burns cited previous consideration for a similar project. At that time the Town had agreed to provide a Town-owned property for the center.

Mr. Cormier felt the current political climate at the State level wouldn't support assisting with funding for a new senior center. Chairman Badstubner recalled a previous sub-committee had been created to investigate a similar project; she questioned if Ms. Burns had spoken to anyone recently? Chairman Badstubner felt this project was out of the hands of this Commission unless management promotes it and agrees to pursue grants to fund the project.

Ms. Burns noted the Town owns at least three sizeable parcels that could support a new Senior Center. Mrs. Maltese cited the Town lacks a staff architect; Ms. Burns suggested reaching out to UCONN for assistance of an intern. Mrs. Maltese reported that the Park and Recreation Department recently moved to the Annex, she questioned if some of the older part of the building might be an option to consider. The Commission discussed the process to acquire support for the project, and working it through the CIP process.

**d) Miscellaneous:**

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Mrs. Maltese advised the Commission that the Health Fair is being held on October 11th at the Senior Center.

Mrs. Maltese reported she's trying to restructure the Senior Center to attract more participants. She's lowering the age to 55 to attract more of the Active Adult residents; she's also trying to make the bus availability a little more flexible to promote participation in afternoon events. She's also working on new programs and would like to increase afternoon events.

Mrs. Maltese reported that the Park Hill residents have their own events or functions at the Park Hill facility.

Mrs. Maltese provided the Commission with a copy of the newsletter "East Windsor Senior Center Happenings" for October 2018 which summarizes programs and events for October. Mrs. Maltese reported the advertisements pay for the publication of the newsletter; she'll be seeking funding for this publication, and postage for mailing, in the next budget season.

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

No public in attendance.

**VII. Adjournment:**

**MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 6:23 p.m.**

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Badstubner/Burns/Cormier**

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Elderly Commission