

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
ELDERLY COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.
EAST WINDSOR HOUSING AUTHORITY
PARK HILL COMMUNITY ROOM
PARK HILL DRIVE
BROAD BROOK, CT.**

MEETING NOTES – UNABLE TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

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, and Bob Cormier.

Absent:), Elizabeth Burns, and Nancy Viets.

Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services, arrived shortly after the meeting commenced.

The Commission was unable to establish a quorum as only two members were present.

III. Added Agenda Items None.

III. Approval of Minutes –October 23, 2017:

Unable to approve Minutes due to lack of quorum; approval postponed.

IV. Open Discussion:

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

Mr. Cormier reported that several of the towns he contacted also have Elderly Committees; they, too, are also struggling with the same problems regarding participation and event planning. Mrs. Badstubner recalled that the Commission used to bring in speakers but funding is low and speakers and events are already occurring at the Senior Center.

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Mrs. Maltese reported she recently attended a meeting of the Housing Authority; she found they're looking for ways to involve the residents of Park Hill. She suggested perhaps this Commission could assist by sponsoring speakers at Park Hill which would eliminate the need for transportation to the Senior Center. Mrs. Maltese suggested she's reviewing the events that occur at the different locations to better organize the schedules. Discussion followed regarding ways to attract new members.

Mrs. Maltese suggested Elderly Commissions are reorganizing themselves to attract a wider range of participants. Lower participation seems to be a new trend, as people work longer and is more active they tend to have personal schedules that are already full. The Commission discussed ways to appeal to the Active Adult Communities as well. Mrs. Maltese suggested perhaps the Commission could consider planning a dinner speaker rather than a lunch time event to attract people who are still employed. Transportation is a problem for evening events due to staffing restrictions; transportation wouldn't be necessary for many of the members of the Active Adult Communities as they still drive

The Commissioners will continue to survey additional towns.

b) Senior Survey:

No discussion this evening.

c) Senior Center Update:

No discussion this evening.

d) 2018 Budget:

Mrs. Badstubner reported the Commission has requested a minimum budget of \$500 for 2018, including funding for the recording secretary and a small amount for postage if the Commission plans to send out a survey. At this point in the Budget process the Elderly Commission's Budget Request has been approved.

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

No public in attendance.

VI. Adjournment:

Mrs. Badstubner, Mr. Cormier, and Mrs. Maltese concluded their discussion at 6:40 p.m.

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