TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR **ELDERLY COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.

EAST WINDSOR SENIOR CENTER (SECOND FLOOR, BROAD BROOK FIRE STATION) 125 MAIN STREET, 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 Senior Center, second level of the Broad Brook Fire Station, 125 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT.

II. **Attendance:**

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

All Commission Members was present. **Absent:**

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

III. **Added Agenda Items** None.

IV. Approval of Minutes –October 22, 2018:

To APPROVE the Minutes of the Elderly Commission dated **MOTION:** October 22, 2018 as written.

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

Unanimous (Badstubner/Burns/Cormier) VOTE: In Favor:

(No one opposed/No abstentions)

V. **Open Discussion:**

2019 – 2020 Budget: a)

It was noted the 2019 – 2020 Budget for the Elderly Commission passed at the Board of Selectmen level. The Budget Request now moves on to the Board of Finance for final approval.

Commission Membership: b)

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The Commission discussed reaching out to younger seniors, or residents new to town. Discussion followed regarding the Commission's Meeting time, at 5:30 p.m., is early for working Seniors; the Commission will continue with the current Meeting Schedule and time until new members come forward. Mrs. Maltese reported she'll post a notice citing the Commission's search for new members on the East Windsor Senior Services Facebook page; she'll also mention the Commission vacancies at the monthly social.

c) Senior Center Update:

Mrs. Maltese reported the Town's offer to purchase of the Grace Episcopal Church was not accepted. The Commission discussed possible options, including the Town Hall Annex. Conversations continue throughout the community regarding the Town's purchase of the Solnit Center on Garden and Bridge Streets but nothing has been announced via the Town.

Mrs. Maltese reported attendance at the Senior Center continues to increase; she's noticed younger Seniors attending events as well as people from out of town for trips and bingo. The monthly social is the most popular event; seminars on tax preparation have been busy, a recent pizza party was well received. Mrs. Maltese reported a comedian flew in from New Hampshire to perform; his act was entertaining.

Mrs. Maltese reported she's also planning small concert trips and a repeat of Cruise Night at the Park. Mrs. Maltese reported she's requested another part-time driver position in the budget which would enable her to expand on evening events. She's also been working with the schools to hold combined intergenerational events. The Leo club is coming on Friday to do Kindness Rocks; recently the Middle School Band and Chorus visited the Senior Center to perform.

Mrs. Maltese reported she would like to increase the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) numbers for the Senior population; she suggested the Elderly Commission could perhaps assist with that program. She continues to work with the United Way on ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) to assist working individuals who are lower income households.

Mrs. Maltese noted publication of the East Windsor Senior Center Happenings. Newsletter continues; copies are available in the Senior Center, Town Hall, the Annex, the Broad Brook Library, the Warehouse Point Library, Park Hill, and Spring Village. She also manages an East Windsor Senior Services Facebook Account.

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d) <u>Miscellaneous:</u>

The next meeting of the Elderly Commission is Monday, April 22nd at the Senior Center, 125 Main Street, Broad Brook.

VI. <u>Public Input – Comments only (5 minute maximum):</u>

No one requested to speak..

VII. Adjournment:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Burns moved/Cormier seconded/<u>DISCUSSION:</u> None. **VOTE:** In Favor: Badstubner/Burns/Cormier

Respectfully submitted:		
*	g Secretary, East Windsor Elderly Commission	