

**ELDERLY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING: October 24, 2011 at 5:30pm**  
**East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room**

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*Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2011:*

- I. Chairman Badstubner called the meeting to order at 5:41pm.
  
- II. Attendance:  
Present Members: Elizabeth Burns (Municipal Agent), Claire Badstubner (Chairman), Catherine Drouin (Co-Chairman), Deb Donovan  
Absent Members: Trevor Bray, Madeleine Thompson  
Guests: Selectman Gil Hayes
  
- III. Previous Minutes:  
Regular Meeting 9/26/11: **MOTION** made by Ms. Drouin to accept the minutes as presented. **SECONDED** by Ms. Donovan. **ALL THOSE VOTING: VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**
  
- IV. Added Agenda Items:  
None
  
- V. New Business:  
None
  
- VI. Continuing Business:
  1. *Yellow Dot Program:* Elderly Commission to sponsor program at the Senior Center. Ms. Burns began by stating that People's Bank is the sponsor of the Yellow Dot Program. Ms. Burns stated that there is a representative from People's Bank who will present the program, however that person wants to first meet with all the "key players" (police, fire, emergency management, etc). That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30 at 1:00 at the Town Hall Annex. The presentation at the Senior Center will be scheduled following this initial meeting with the representative.
  2. *Driving with Dementia:* The Alzheimer's Association has agreed to do a presentation on "driving with dementia" at the Senior Center. This has been scheduled for Friday, December 16 from 12:30-2:00. The Elderly Commission will be hosting this program. The program will discuss the signs of dementia and be beneficial for, not only seniors, but for care-givers and family members as well. This program date/time is confirmed.

In conclusion, Ms. Burns added that publicity will be going out for both events. Advertising will be done through the *Journal Inquirer, Hartford Courant, Reminder News, North Central News* and *Patch*. Refreshments will be served. Ms. Donovan suggested expanded the advertising to radio and/or news.

Mr. Hayes inquired about details of the Yellow Dot Program. Commission members explained the program. Chairman Badstubner also updated Mr. Hayes with regards to the commission's decision not to do the "Are You Okay" program at this time – our resources could not support this at this time.

Ms. Donovan asked that if the commission expands the media – would it be received by other communities. Ms. Burns replied that she is unsure if surrounding towns do these programs. Brief discussion followed with regards to networking among senior centers.

## VII. General Discussion

Ms. Burns took a few moments to explain the new office arrangement at the Senior Center. Cubicles have been brought in to develop specific "business" areas in the center – the previous "open" setting was not productive. She is receiving feedback. Ms. Burns also stated that a new temporary part-time employee, "Dee", has been hired to be at the center from 10-2 which is the primary time that seniors are at the center.

A new program in November has been scheduled. "Coffee and sharing with the senior center team" will be held twice a month. Ms. Burns reviewed the November schedule with the commission and discussed upcoming planned trips.

Chairman Badstubner asked if Ms. Burns has noticed that more people are attending the programs. Ms. Burns stated that she is working on marketing the programs and that it is growing.

Commission agreed to utilize the November 30<sup>th</sup> Yellow Dot Program as the commission's November meeting date. The commission will plan on meeting after the presentation for the People's Bank representative. Upon receipt of confirmed date/time/location from Ms. Burns' office, Ms. Pellegrini will submit a "Special Meeting" agenda to the Town Clerk for posting and cancel the regular meeting scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## VIII. Public Input – comments only (5 minute maximum)

None

## IX. Adjournment

**MOTION** made by Ms. Donovan to adjourn meeting at 6:10pm. **SECONDED BY** Ms. Drouin.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Pellegrini  
Recording Secretary – East Windsor Elderly Commission