

**ELDERLY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING: July 28, 2008 at 5:00pm**  
**East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room**

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*Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2008:*

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:00pm, by Claire Badstubner, Chairman.
  
- II. Attendance:  
Present Members: Elizabeth Burns (Municipal Agent), Claire Badstubner (Chairman), Catherine Drouin (Co-Chairman), Madeleine Thompson, Trevor Bray  
Absent Member: Deb Donovan  
Guest: Dale Nelson, Board of Selectman
  
- III. Previous Minutes:  
Special Meeting 5/19/08:  
**CORRECTION** to section VI "Miscellaneous Business", section C:  
*"ITN...will officially be starting up in July, as of this point" is to now read "ITN's official start date to be announced at a future date."*  
**MOTION** to accept the minutes, with above change, made by Ms. Drouin. **SECONDED** by Ms. Thompson. **ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**
  
- IV. Cell Phones for Seniors:  
Discussed date for "Safety Workshop" to kick-off the cell phone program. Members agreed that a Monday following the lunch hour might be the best time to gather seniors at the Senior Center. Members decided on either Monday 9/8 or Monday 9/15. Ms. Burns will contact Laura Clynch at Senior Center to set final date with her. The time of the workshop will be 12:30-1:30.  
  
Ms. Drouin will inform Ms. Donovan of the dates discussed and also ask her to contact the Verizon representative she has been dealing with in the hopes that he/she can attend the Safety Workshop and demonstrate how to use the phones.  
  
Ms. Burns and Ms. Thompson will coordinate cookies and punch for the event.  
  
Ms. Burns will ask the press to attend. Besides advertising the workshop on the Senior Center's monthly event calendar, Ms. Burns will do a press release for the Journal Inquirer and the Rockville Reminder.  
  
Ms. Burns handed out lanyard/pocket samples for the cell phones. There were four styles of the orange cell phone pockets: a lanyard clip, a wrist cord, a thin elastic band and a thick elastic band (both attached to the back of the pocket). Members discussed the pros and cons of each. Members all agreed that the color (bright orange) is a very good choice. Members recommended that the wider band be split with two Velcro ends so that it can attach to anything and be adjusted appropriately. A second recommendation was to have

a double strap on the back of the pocket (the top one being split with Velcro). Ms. Burns will present these two prototypes at a later meeting.

V. Seniors/Active Adult Survey:

Ms. Burns updated the commission in regards to survey intake. Laura Clynch has been surveying some seniors at the Senior Center. Ms. Clynch has established 7 scheduled times on the August calendar to do surveys. Also, Pat Tracy (president of Senior Club) has been doing surveys as well. Finally, Laurie (from Human Services office) has been doing surveys as she does outreach to Park Hill and Spring Village.

Members discussed who has been trained as of this point. Ms. Drouin will contact Ms. Donovan to clarify who still needs training for the surveys.

VI. Miscellaneous Business:

- a) Ms. Burns updated the commission on ITN. Ms. Burns states she has received many inquiries regarding the program and the volunteering aspect of it as well. The database is currently being built, by a volunteer, and no official start date has been announced at this point. ITN's office is at 99 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in Warehouse Point.
- b) Ms. Burns informed the commission that *Revay's* hosts a Farmer's Market every Tuesday from 3:00-6:00 until October. Ms. Burns announced that the town now provides "Seniors Farmers Market Coupon Books". Coupon book is available to residents ages 62+ who fall into a specified income guideline (Single \$19,240 or Married \$25,400). Disabled residents living in a senior complex are also eligible. The book contains \$15.00 worth of "coupons" to be used at the farmers market on any item(s). Coupons are being distributed at the Senior Center on Thursday, 8/14/08.
- c) Commission members agreed that there will not be an August meeting. Commission will meet, as scheduled, in September. Town Clerk will be notified for posting purposes.

VII. Adjournment:

**MOTION** made by Ms. Drouin to adjourn meeting at 5:45pm. **SECONDED BY** Mr. Bray.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pellegrini