



Town of Windsor
Commission on Aging and Persons with Disabilities
Special Meeting
December 6, 2016
OFFICIAL MINUTES

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Commissioners Present: Marsha Brown, Veronica DeBetham-Taylor, Linda Rickard, Amy Silliman-Avedisian

Commissioners Excused: Patricia Carroll

Commissioners Unexcused: Estelle LaBarre

Liaison Present: Rebecca Joyce

Also Present: N/A

Called to order at 7:01pm by Chairman Amy Silliman-Avedisian

Communications from Commissioners:

Commissioner Brown mentioned that her appointment on the Commission had expired and that she had sent Ms. Albert, Town Manager's Office, an email to be reappointed. She noted that she was awaiting a response. A discussion ensued regarding a previous member who was appointed in January 2016, attended the February meeting and then resigned. Commissioner Brown will phone or stop into the Town Manager's Office to speak with Ms. Albert in order to be reappointed and to discuss the vacant position.

Communications from Public: N/A

Communication from Liaison:

Liaison Joyce provided an update on Senior Services and Social Services as well as distributed the newsletter for Senior Services and Social Services. She noted new programs at the Senior Center including Comfort Touch Massage Therapy and Memory Screenings.

Approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2016 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2016 meeting was made by Commissioner Rickard. The motion was seconded by Chairman Silliman-Avedisian. The motion passed 2-0-1.

Old Business:

Advertising for Button near Town Hall Elevator:

Chairman Silliman-Avedisian drafted a blurb to advertise the button that was added near the Town Hall elevator. The commission reviewed the blurb and made suggestions for changes. Once the blurb is revised and complete, Liaison Joyce will distribute to various media outlets including the Hartford Courant, Windsor Journal, Journal Inquirer, WIN TV, Twitter and the Town of Windsor website.

Voting Rights Presentation:

It was noted that the Voting Rights Presentation that was held at the Windsor Senior Center in October went very well and was very well attended. The Commission discussed the strong points of the program and well as sending a thank you letter to Ms. Mips and Ms. Andrews from the Registrar's Office for helping to facilitate the presentation. Chairman Silliman-Avedisian will draft and send out the letter.

Portable Oxygen Tanks

Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor mentioned that she made several phone calls looking into this topic. She contacted Kimberly Hall Nursing Home in Windsor and was told that they have their own system in place regarding the residents who use portable oxygen. Their Director suggested that she call the State Commission on Aging. Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor did call the State who suggested she call FEMA. She is awaiting a return call from Mark Gallagher. She then placed a call to Cindy, Human Services Director of South Windsor. Cindy explained that they put a blurb in their newsletter and those who have particular needs can be put on a list to be contacted in case of a major emergency. Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor learned that West Hartford has a similar procedure in place. A discussion followed and the Commission decided to further discuss this topic in January with Paul Goldberg, Town of Windsor Emergency Preparedness, and Sue Raggo, Social Services Coordinator.

New Business:

Crosswalk at Batchelder Road & update regarding Capital Expenditures Request

Commissioner Rickard spoke with Victoria Houle, Town of Windsor Project Engineer, concerning the crosswalk and Ms. Houle explained that a request was made to the State regarding audible signals at Broad Street and at Batchelder Road. The State determines when this will be completed.

A motion to postpone the review of Chapter 2, Article 3, Windsor Code of Ordinances to a future meeting was made by Commissioner Silliman-Avedisian. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Silliman-Avedisian at 8:07pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Joyce