

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
TOWN OF WINDHAM**

A Public Hearing was held by the Windham Town Council on September 4, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Windham Town Hall meeting room, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut, to hear public comment on the following ordinance:

An ordinance establishing a Windham Senior Center Advisory Board. The Board will advise the Town Council about the efficient and effective operation of the Windham Senior Center

Town Council members present: Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge, Lorraine McDevitt, Mark Doyle, and Jerry Iazzetta.

Public Comment:

Harry Carboni, Willimantic, noted three weeks ago he had requested a correction in the newspaper by Kevin Donohue regarding the cost of a new Senior Center. Mr. Carboni spoke in support of a new Senior Center and would prefer a location like Jillson Square for the Center.

Lorraine McDevitt noted she was on the Board of Selectmen when a proposal of \$20 million was given for a combined Center. She now believes the goal is to have a separate Senior Center and the cost would be approximately \$3 to \$5 million. McDevitt would like the information to be corrected to reflect the cost of a separate Center.

Edith Pompei spoke in support of a new Senior Center. She noted the many programs being run and the need for more space to accommodate them. She thanked the Council.

Dawn Niles, North Windham, thanked the Council and spoke in support of a new Senior Center. She noted she does not want to rule out the Access Center as a possible location however she does want to look at all the options. She believes this is step one.

Sue Humes, agrees with Dawn Niles and believes the Seniors deserve a new Center.

There was no further comment.

Mayor Eldridge adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:38 P.M.

Submitted By:

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Clerk of the Town Council