



Commission for Citizens with Disabilities



MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Karin Decker
Madeline Nicoletti, Chair
Andrea Pianka, Vice Chair

Norman Smith III
Joanne Tirrell
Jennifer Lee

Demetrios Kanavaros



The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, June 21, 2016, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Decker
Commissioner Kanavaros
Commissioner Lee

Commissioner Nicoletti
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Tirrell

(Commissioner Smith stated that he has been approached by Jason Tatelock looking for an opening on our Commission.)

APPROVE MINUTES:

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Decker: all in favor 6/0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Sue Phillips, City Solicitor, spoke on the following subjects:

1. Roles and responsibilities of the Commission stated as follows:

a. While we are employees of the City of Westfield, our Commission is not an enforcement agency. We can only make suggestions as to what areas of ADA non-compliance need to be addressed. We would then forward our concerns to the Law Department. They would decide what department our written concerns should be sent to.

b. Commissioners should always act together as a board and then delegate someone to look into the problem on behalf of the Commission. It is always a good idea to run our thoughts by the Mayor so that he is aware of what problems we think need to be addressed to keep him informed of all issues.

c. Coordinate with other groups with the same interests by attending their meetings or having them speak at ours. They will then be familiar with our Commission and have a contact person to forward their questions to.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Nicoletti motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kanavaros, all in favor 6/0. Chair Nicoletti adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne B. Tirrell, Secretary

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