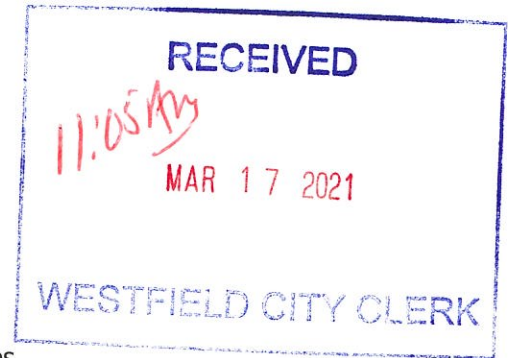


## Donna Roy

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**From:** Jeffrey Gosselin <Jeffrey.Gosselin@cityofwestfield.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:46 AM  
**To:** Karen Fanion; Donna Roy; Kaitlyn Bruce; Marisa Colon  
**Cc:** Jeffrey Gosselin  
**Subject:** APPROVED at last nights meeting; Please, Post Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021;jg



Commission for Citizens with Disabilities  
January 20, 2021

Meeting Minutes  
TELECONFERENCE

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Wednesday, January 20, 2021, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. \*(Due to current health department restrictions, the meeting will be held through remote participation). Commissioner J.Gosselin, Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: J.Tirrell, A. Pianka, N.Smith, J.Gosselin

Motion is made by Commissioner J.Gosselin to appoint Commissioner N.Smith, Acting-Chair, pro tempore for purpose of this meeting, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 4/0; Motion passes.

### Public Participation:

Commissioner J.Gosselin, Secretary; Read the following Public Participation letter submitted by email, Jan. 19, 2021.

On November 30th The Westfield Taxpayers Association wrote a letter urging the city council to direct both Lenore Bernashe and Peter Cowles to post **ALL** City meetings online (with closed captioning and video). At that meeting, Rick Sullivan said that he would talk to the mayor about all city meeting showing video on zoom with closed caption on the day of the meeting and then posting online for all citizens to view. By not showing video and closed caption city council and committee meeting online, I believe this is a violation of the American Disabilities Act. I would urge your committee to discuss this issue with your committee and write a letter to the mayor to urge him and the City Council to show all meetings with video and closed caption. Thank You, Kathleen Hillman 179 Susan Drive Secretary Westfield Taxpayers Association

Commissioner N.Smith, Acting-Chair, shared that conversations on this topic of video taping meetings have been a topic for discussion in the past.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of December 16, 2020; Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith, seconded by Commissioner A.Pianka; all in favor 4/0; Motion passes.

### Scheduled Business:

Fine and Forfeits account update: Commissioner J.Gosselin, read the following email sent from Commissioner C.Lisee:

Our balance is 93,410. Playground All Access Project is at 60,000. The Transition Plan Resolution is at 20,000; Appropriated for possible update. The Police Dept./Traffic Crosswalk Signal is at 2,500. Our balance would be at 10,910.

Old Business:

Cross Street Playground Update: Commissioner J.Gosselin, read the following email sent from Commissioner C.Lisee:

The Cross Street playground is coming along. The equipment installation is about 90% completed. The surfacing of the playground will take place in the spring. Commissioner C.Lisee will be taking some photos and sending them to us for review.

Other Business:

Commissioner J.Gosselin shared that he appreciates the extra work the present commission members are doing as we have two vacancies. Commissioner N.Smith shared the commission had grown over the years to 7 members and we can review this at a future meeting. Commissioner N.Smith shared that he distributed some flyers to the Post Office again and asked if any members need more flyers. The present commission members agree that we are set for now with flyers and perhaps can distribute more in the year.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner N.Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 4/0. Commissioner N.Smith, Acting-Chair pro tempore, adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary