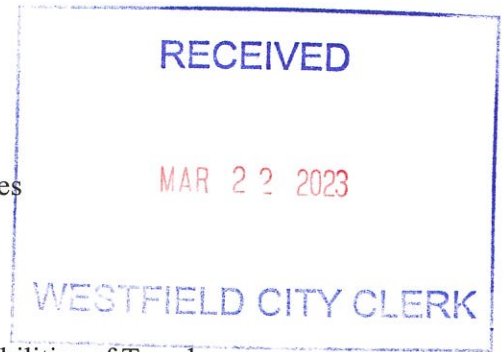


Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
February 21, 2023

Meeting Minutes



The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, February 21, 2023, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Norm Smith III, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: J.Tirrell, J.Gosselin, N.Smith III, T.Johnson

Public Participation: Anna Boutin-Cooper, 55 Bates Rd., Westfield, MA; Ms. Boutin-Cooper stated that she wished to attend the meeting and learn about the commission and our work. N.Smith III, Chair gave a brief summary and overview of the mission and work that we do.

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith, Chair to Approve the Minutes of meeting of January 17, 2023, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor; Motion passes.

Fine and Forfeits:

Fine and Forfeits account update. The update was submitted by Kim Kolek , Assistant Auditor by email on February 17, 2023. Commissioner J.Gosselin, Secretary read the update. Our balance is at 39, 560. Playground All Access/Cross St. is at 59,000(project completed). The Traffic/Crosswalk signal is at 2,500. The Transition Plan (commitment) is at 20,000. Our balance would be at \$17,060.00

Old business:

Motion made by N.Smith III, Chair to Table the Informational Brochure review for changes, seconded by Commissioner T.Johnson; Discussion: N.Smith III,Chair suggests pause on the project until all vacant seats are filled, all in favor; Motion passes.

N. Smith III,Chair gave an update on the Bates Rd. issue. N. Smith III, Chair will review and go to the site in person, the pole is now removed, however, still some rubble remains.

New business:

Notice Mail- N.Smith III, Chair shared: The Northampton Disability Commission would like to invite Westfield Commission for Citizens with Disabilities to participate in screening of documentary Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution, in person at the Northampton Senior Center July 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

Notice Mail-N.Smith III, Chair shared: MOD, General Counsel invitation to attend, Public Meetings and Town Meeting/Training for Municipal ADA Coordinators on March 8, 2023 at 1:00-2:00 PM on zoom webinar. For more info: Julia.E.OLeary@mass.gov.

Notice Mail-N.Smith III, Chair shared hard copy: Updated guidance on holding Massachusetts meetings pursuant to the Act Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures.

Commissioner J.Tirrell asked if any Update on the Westfield Womens club request for additional parking spots that was made last calendar year. N.Smith III, Chair shared that the issue was still in sub-committee.

N.Smith III, Chair shared that he was informed by several parents and community members that the PVRTA transportation services have had recent cutbacks and now require very difficult and detailed requirements, for special transportation services. They now require things: such as letters from psychiatrist, neuro exam screenings, and more. Some people and youth would like transportation for Boys & Girls Club activities and are not able to get services.

Commissioner J.Gosselin, shared that he received a Certificate of Completion for 2022 Cybersecurity Training Program and completed 5 hours of technology training; we all need to continue to do these trainings.

Next meeting planned will be March 21, 2023. *Always check city website and calendar in case of changes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor. Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary