



Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
March 15, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, March 15, 2022, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Norm Smith III, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Public Participation: None

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2021, seconded by Commissioner A.Pianka; all in favor 4/0; Motion passes.

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2022, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 4/0; Motion passes.

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2022, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 4/0; Motion passes.

Scheduled Business:

Fine and Forfeits account update:

The update was submitted by Ms. Shelly Zheng, Auditor's Office by email on March 11, 2022.

Commissioner J.Gosselin, Secretary read the update: Our balance is at 37, 660. Playground All-Access/Cross St. is at 59,000(project completed). The Police Dept./Traffic Crosswalk signal is at 2,500. The Transition Plan Resolution is at 20,000. Our balance would be at 15,160.

Any Other Business:

Commissioner J.Gosselin shared that he reached out to the Senior Center and spoke with Tina Gorman,, Director about the Senior Fair this year. Unfortunately, the Senior Fair is not going to be held in-person this year, but perhaps next year there will be an in-person Senior Fair at the center.

Commissioner J.Gosselin shared that he recently attended a Springfield College "Evening of Alumni & Student Networking-hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations on March 2, 2022. Commissioner J.Gosselin had an opportunity to share with students about the work we do on the Westfield Commission for Citizens with Disabilities.

Commissioner A.Pianka, shared that she plans to reach out to the Westfield Museum project folks and touch base on any updates. Commissioner A.Pianka, will reach out to Stavaros and WSU and see if they can post information on work opportunity on the commission. Commissioner A.Pianka would like to research and see if there is a way to have public participation through teleconference.

Commissioner N.Smith, Chair, shared that he has had discussion with the city clerk about the vacancies on the commission. Commissioner N.Smith, Chair, will reach out to the Mayor about filling vacancies on the commission.

Election of Officers for 2022

Commissioner N.Smith, III made a Motion to Open up the 2022 Election of Officers, seconded by J.Tirrell; Discussion (None); Roll call vote: Commissioner N.Smith III-yes; Commissioner J.Tirrell-yes; Commissioner A.Pianka-yes; Commissioner J.Gosselin-yes; 4/0; Motion passes.

CHAIR

Candidate-N.Smith III

Commissioner J.Gosselin made a Motion to nominate Commissioner N.Smith III, seconded by J.Tirrell; Discussion; Commissioner J.Gosselin stated that Commissioner N.Smith III has been an excellent chair and we need to continue with his strong leadership and experience. All in favor of closing nominations; 4/0; Motion passes. Roll Call vote:

A. Pianka N.Smith III

J. Tirrell N.Smith III

J.Gosselin N.Smith III
N.Smith III N.Smith III

N.Smith III (4) votes.

*Norman Smith III elected CHAIR for 2022

VICE-CHAIR

Candidate-A.Pianka

Commissioner J.Tirrell made a Motion to nominate Commissioner A.Pianka, seconded by Commissioner N.Smith, III; Discussion; Commissioner J.Tirrell shared that Commissioner A.Pianka has done well serving as Vice-Chair and we are thankful for her continued service. All in favor of closing nominations; 4/0; Motion passes. Roll Call vote:

A.Pianka A.Pianka

J.Gosselin A.Pianka

J.Tirrell A.Pianka

N.SmithIII A.Pianka

A. Pianka (4) votes.

*Andrea Pianka elected VICE CHAIR for 2022

SECRETARY

Candidate-J.Gosselin

Commissioner J.Tirrell made a Motion to nominate Commissioner J.Gosselin, seconded by N.Smith III; Discussion; Commissioner J.Tirrell thanked Commissioner J.Gosselin for all the work he does as Secretary for the commission. All in favor of closing nominations; 4/0; Motion passes. Roll Call vote:

A.Pianka J.Gosselin

J.Gosselin J.Gosselin

J.Tirrell J.Gosselin

N.Smith III J.Gosselin

J.Gosselin (4) votes.

*Jeffrey Gosselin elected SECRETARY for 2022

Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair shared; Next meeting planned will be April 12, 2022

*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 4/0. Commissioner N.Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary