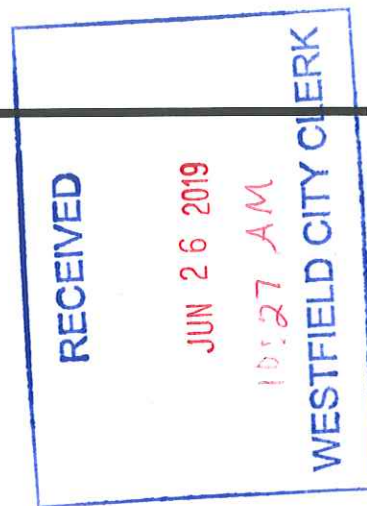


Carissa Lisee

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Subject: Meeting Minutes April 16, 2019 *with Ammendment;jg



Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
April 16, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, April 16, 2019, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Commissioner J.Gosselin, Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: J.Gosselin, J.Tirrell, N.Smith, M.Nicoletti

Commissioner J.Gosselin made a motion for Commissioner N.Smith to be the (Acting-Chair) for the purpose of the April 16, 2019 meeting as the Chair Carissa Lisee is absent, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell;all in favor 4/0;Motion passes.

Public Participation: None

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2019; Motion made by Commissioner J.Tirrell, seconded by Commissioner J.Gosselin;all in favor 4/0;Motion passes.

Scheduled Business:

Fine and Forfeits account update: Acting-Chair, N.Smith gave an update. Our balance is 80,000. Playground All Access Project is at 60,000. The Police Dept./Traffic Crosswalk project is at 2,500. Our balance would be at 17,500.

Advertising Items-

Commissioner J.Tirrell made a motion to transfer \$100. from the supply account to the purchase of service account, for the purpose of advertising brochures, seconded by Commissioner M.Nicoletti. A Roll Call Vote: J.Gosselin-Yes, N.Smith-Yes, J.Tirrell-Yes, M.Nicoletti-Yes; 4/0;Motion passes.

Commissioner M.Nicoletti made a motion to transfer \$100. from the In State travel account to the purchase of service account, for the purpose of advertising brochures, seconded by Commissioner N.Smith. A Roll Call Vote: M.Nicoletti-Yes, J.Gosselin-Yes, N.Smith-Yes, J.Tirrell-Yes; 4/0;Motion passes.

Commissioner N.Smith made a motion to order the amount of 500 brochures, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell. A Roll Call Vote: J.Tirrell-Yes, N.Smith-Yes, J.Gosselin-Yes, M.Nicoletti-Yes; 4/0;Motion passes.

Commissioner N.Smith made a motion to open a purchase order in the amount of \$300. from Puffer Printing; to purchase advertising brochures, seconded by Commissioner M.Nicoletti. A general discussion on the Advertising Items took place. Commissioner N.Smith asks that these brochures will be for the sole purpose of public information about the Westfield Commission for Citizens with Disabilities and for the public to learn about the commission. A Roll Call Vote: M.Nicoletti-Yes, N.Smith-Yes, J.Gosselin-Yes, J.Tirrell-Yes; 4/0; Motion passes.

350th Parade:

Commissioner N.Smith shared that he contacted Ms.Sherry Elander and roughly 10 students are interested in participating in the parade for the 350th celebration. In addition, Special Olympics is unsure about participation at this time. Commissioner N.Smith will follow up with contacting Special Olympics.

Commissioner J.Gosselin shared that he will follow up with contacting "Best Buddies Group" at Westfield High School. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1 PM, marching from Stanley Park down Western Ave, to Court Street and ending down by the rotary downtown. Commissioner J.Gosselin stated: this is a community event; we ask that only "one" parent and/or guardian march with each participating youth; youth must be supervised; walkers must be ready to march and with good working adaptive equipment if needed. Participation in this community event is completely voluntary.

Old Business:

Transition Plan Grant-update

Commissioner N.Smith stated that there is no new information on the Transition Plan Grant at this time.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Acting-Chair N.Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner M.Nicoletti; all in favor 4/0. Acting-Chair N.Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary

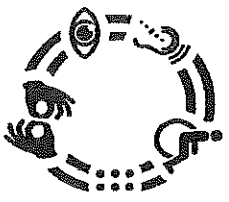
The Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990. The ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. The ADA gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications. The ADA is divided into five titles (or sections) that relate to different areas of public life.

In 2008, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) was signed into law and became effective on January 1, 2009. The ADAAA made a number of significant changes to the definition of "disability."

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"The one argument for accessibility that doesn't get made nearly often enough is how extraordinary better it makes some people's lives. How many opportunities do we have to dramatically improve people's lives just by doing our job a little better?" – Steve Krug

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Our Purpose

The Commission shall be empowered to:

- ❖ Research and identify the problems of citizens of the City with disabilities;
- ❖ Advise and assist municipal officials and employees regarding compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities;
- ❖ Coordinate with other local groups and the State Office on Disability to carry out programs designed to educate people about the problems of those with disabilities;
- ❖ Provide information, referrals and guidance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and civic organizations in matters pertaining to disabilities;
- ❖ Review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards and agencies of the city that affect persons with disabilities;
- ❖ Coordinate activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes.

Who We Are

About Us

The Commission for Citizens with Disabilities for the City of Westfield was established in 19XX under the provisions of M.G.L.A.c. 40 § 8J.

The Commission consists of seven members who shall, in accordance with the City Charter, be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council. No less than three members shall be individuals with a disability as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act at 42 U.S.C. § 12102(2), as it may from time to time be amended. At least one member shall be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability as defined above. At least one member shall be an elected or appointed official of the City.

Meetings

The Commission for Citizens with Disabilities meets every third *Wednesday* of the month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are held in Conference Room 201 on the second floor in City Hall.

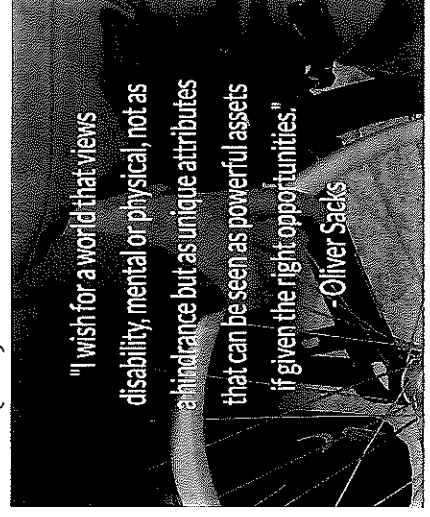
Additional Resources

Massachusetts Office on Disability

The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) works to ensure the full and equal participation of all people with disabilities in all aspects of life by working to advance legal rights, maximum opportunities, supportive services, accommodations, and accessibility in a manner that fosters dignity and self-determination. One Ashburton Place, Room 1305 Boston, MA 02108
Toll Free: (800) 322-2020

Massachusetts Architectural Access Board

The Architectural Access Board (AAB) develops and enforces regulations designed to make public buildings accessible to, functional for, and safe for use by persons with disabilities.
1 Ashburton Place, Room 1310 Boston, MA 02108
Phone: (617) 727-0660



"I wish for a world that views disability, mental or physical, not as a hindrance but as unique attributes that can be seen as powerful assets if given the right opportunities."

-Oliver Sacks