

Commission for Citizens with Disabilities  
June 21, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 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, A. Pianka, J.Gosselin, N. Smith III, R.Bishop

Public Participation: None

Approval of Minutes of meeting of April 12, 2022; Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 5/0; Motion passes  
Approval of Minutes of meeting of May 17, 2022; Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 5/0; Motion passes

Fine and Forfeits:

Fine and Forfeits account update. The update was submitted by Vicki Moro (Auditor's Office) by email on June 21, 2022. 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 Police Dept/Traffic Crosswalk signal is at 2,500. The Transition Plan Resolution is at 20,000. Our balance would be at 17,060.

Other Business:

N.Smith III, Chair welcomed our newest member to the commission, Mr.Robert Bishop due to the resignation of Commissioner C.Lisee. Commissioner R. Bishop shared that he looks forward to the work and is available to assist our commission with anything we need at city hall.

N. Smith III, Chair would like to recommend to the city council a (5) member commission and expressed that the city might save costs and it would streamline the commission. Commissioner J.Gosselin expressed concern about losing participation of 7 members, especially the city with a population of nearly 43,000 people. Commissioner R. Bishop expressed that the consolidation and streamline of (5) members on the board made sense. N.Smith III, Chair made a motion to put on the next month Agenda, the recommendation for a 5 member commission, seconded by Commissioner A.Pianka; all in favor 5/0; Motion passes.

N.Smith III, Chair received a message from community member in regards to water being turned off on the Northside/bridge area fountains in the park. Commissioner R.Bishop offered that he will contact Frances Cain about the issue of water fountains at the park.

Commissioner A.Pianka shared that Carol Martin is still working on things at the Museum and will have more information soon.

A general discussion of members to keep the current day/time for commission meetings.

Next meeting planned will be July 19, 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. Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary