

Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
August 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, August 16, 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: N.Smith III, J.Gosselin, J.Tirrell

*The meeting will be Information/Discussion due to lack of quorum.

Public Participation: Commissioner J.Tirrell, 419 Southwick Road, Westfield, MA shared that she came across a posting on the website: Westfield Forum from a citizen, Don Kozynoski in regards to an issue of sidewalk obstruction on Bates Road and having "Access on the sidewalk" as the sidewalk is blocked. Photo was shown of the sidewalk. Commissioner J.Tirrell invited the citizen to come to Public Participation and speak about the issue. N.Smith III, Chair will add to Agenda for the next meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Table: Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 21, 2022, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor; Motion to Table passes.

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Table: Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 19, 2022, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor; Motion to Table passes.

Fine and Forfeits:

Commissioner J.Gosselin read the (June 2022) Update: Our balance is at 39,560. Transition Plan Resolution is at 20,000. The Police/Dept Traffic Crosswalk signal is at 2,500. Our balance would be at 17,060.

Funds Spent: Cross Street All Access Playground (59,0000) project completed.

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Table: Information Brochure review and changes, seconded by Commissioner J.Gosselin; all in favor; Motion to Table passes. The commission members held a general discussion on a five-member commission, further discussion and review to follow at next meeting.

New Business: Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair asked the commission to start thinking about the Senior Center Fair for next year, as it looks like it might be in-person at the Senior Center. Second, the DCR pamphlet was sent to us by Commissioner A.Pianka, Vice-Chair. Great information was presented on outdoor activities for persons with disabilities in Massachusetts. Commissioner N. Smith III, Chair will look into putting some of this information on our city website. Next meeting planned will be September 20, 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 7:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary