



Commission on Disability Meeting

July 13, 2023 1:00PM

Council on Aging Media Room, 328 North Main Street

Date: July 13, 2023

Time: 1PM

Attendees: Erin Koebler, Chair, Jean Delaney, Brian Falk, Kelly Phillips, Linda Smith, Michael Waniewski, Dr. Joanne Welch

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:03PM, with a motion by Joanne Welch, seconded by Jean Delaney.
2. Roll call – New member, Brian Falk, attended and introduced himself. He is a retired Firefighter, and former Director of the East Longmeadow Office of Emergency Management Agency.
3. Robin Frechette provided a legislative update, and some suggestions on how to proceed as a Commission. Robin shared information on using parking fines, steps to do so, and what other towns are doing.
4. The Commission addressed old business, including:
 - a. ADA Grievance procedure – Jean Delaney composed language for a grievance procedure. The Commission discussed changes, including the use of “most recent” requirements of Title II of the ADA of 1990, and the use of “grievant.”
 - b. Accessible garden beds at the Community Garden – Erin will send original email to Linda Smith for follow up.
5. New business
 - a. New East Longmeadow ADA Coordinator – Joan Iwanicki
6. Mission, Vision, Goals
7. Action Items for next meeting
 - a. Plans for National Night Out – August 1
 - b. Creation of a flyer to hand out for NNO.
 - c. Next steps for a grievance procedure – how to have it approved, and the process for a grievant.
 - d. Possible tasks for the Commission to follow up on – ERC5 Outreach, Accessible Town website.
8. Next Meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2023 @ 1PM
9. Meeting was adjourned at 2:41PM, with a motion to adjourn by Jean Delaney, seconded by Brian Fisk.