



Commission on Disability Meeting
June 16, 2022
Minutes of Meeting

The meeting of the Commission on Disability was held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 16, 2022, virtually using GoToMeeting. Attending the meeting were Laura Duran, Peter McFarland, Michelle Sweeney, Marcy Rossi, Sarah Quinn and Jim West. Also in attendance was Mike Rosen.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

Agenda items for discussion were as follows:

1. Review of the minutes from May 2022 meeting. Ms. Duran made a motion to approve, Mr. West seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved unanimously.
2. Website Update: Summer Interns have completed the updates to be made to the COD webpage in order to make it more user friendly and searchable.
3. COD Needs Assessment Survey: Group members highlighted the areas of the survey they felt would be best addressed as priorities for the COD. Common priority themes included:
 - Mobility issues/sidewalk access issues (construction, winter weather)
 - NCM accessibility issues (closed captioning)
 - Availability of town programming, especially the COA
 - Increasing community membership for residents with disabilities on all town boards/committees (social media campaign)
 - Increasing access to community events and opportunities for socialization for residents with disabilities
 - Increasing public knowledge base for IEP processes/procedures
 - Increasing public knowledge base for HR practices for employment of staff with disabilities
4. COD team members will begin independently investigating ways for the COD to partner with other Town offices/departments/committees to address the highlighted survey results.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022. at 4:00pm.

At 4:49 pm, Ms. Sweeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. West seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved unanimously.

Michelle Sweeney, Clerk