



## The TOWN OF NORWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### Commission on Disability Meeting November 17, 2022 Minutes of Meeting

The meeting of the Commission on Disability was held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2022, virtually using Google Meet. Attending the meeting were Marcy Rossi, Peter McFarland, Michelle Sweeney, Sarah Quinn and Jim West. Also in attendance were Shiri Ronen-Attia, Keith (UCP Norwood), Mike Rosen and Tony Mazzucco.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

Agenda items for discussion were as follows:

1. Commission Reorganization: new chair and vice chair named of commission: Ms. Quinn will act as chair, Mr. West will act as Vice Chair.
2. Norwood Disability Survey Action Steps Updates:
  - Communication: the COD will partner with the school department and other town resources to ensure that families of students with disabilities are aware of local offerings and resources
  - Accessibility: the COD will partner with local media outlets for increased access to programming
  - Mobility: the COD will partner with the town's selectmen and DPW to advocate for increased awareness to sidewalk mobility
  - Socialization: the COD will partner with the library, recreation department and COA to ensure that residents are aware of programming offered to them and the specialize programming for those individuals with disabilities in the future
3. Disability Survey results media/communication updates: COD to examine what resources we can distribute through social media and other town communication channels.
4. Visitors: Ms. Ronen-Attia joined the meeting as she is interested in possibly joining the COD. Keith, a client at the UCP Norwood Day Program, joined the meeting to continue to advocate for the town to examine the length of time allowed for street crossings in Norwood Center. Mr. Rosen will refer this issue to the town engineer, M. Ryan.

5. Town Updates: Mr. Rosen reported that the new drive-up mailbox has been working well at the Norwood Post Office. Mr. Rosen reported that the town is working on a grant process with the Massachusetts Office of Disability to perform an accessibility audit on the town's website.

6. Other Announcements: Mr. McFarland inquired about the process of relocating residents at one of the two recently town-purchased properties for the building of the new CMS building. He reported that one of the residents has a disability and was concerned about finding new housing. Mr. Mazzucco able to update COD that plan is for town to take possession once tenants are placed in new housing.

Next meeting is scheduled for 12/15/22 at 4:00 pm.

At 4:43 pm, Ms. Sweeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Quinn seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved unanimously.

Michelle Sweeney, Clerk