

Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 04/20/2022, 5:00 pm.

Present: Johnstone Campbell, Lawrence Dubois, Tay Silveira, Rick Dunderdale, **Guest:** Michelle Theroux and Leslie Hennessey

Johnstone called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Larry motioned to accept the minutes of 02/16/2022, Rick seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Johnstone let the group know that the senior center would accept returns of the survey. Marie Rohan joined the meeting at 5:04.

Johnstone announced that the \$ 20,000 for library improvements for ADA compliance had been passed by the capital planning committee.

Johnstone suggested looking at <https://www.abilities.com/> for information that might apply for our COD.

There was a short discussion about how many members could attend the breakfast meet and greet without triggering an open meeting violation. Larry stated that at our current numbers we can have 2 attend with having a quorum. It was decided that Johnstone and Tay would be our representatives. Beth Cooke joined the meeting at 5:11 pm.

Johnstone turned the floor over to Michelle Theroux to go over the COD's Master Plan goals. The commission will be required to update its goals in December, April, and August. The first update will be in August. Michelle went over some of the logistics of how the plan would be implemented. One way that COD would support the goals is by making sure that Handicap needs and sensitivities are being addressed. There was some interest in how the different players would interact to insure goals are met. Michelle left the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Tay brought up that we should review the transition plan and coordinate our review with the other players involved with the different segments of our transition plan. The conversation moved to who and when we should invite speakers. The group also talked about what preparation should be taken before asking a group. Johnstone asked for each of us to have questions that we should ask at a meeting on emergence management and disabilities.

Larry to send on the MOD Community Access Training program E-mail

Next meeting is scheduled for 05/18/2022 at 5pm.

Larry motioned to adjourn at 6:09 pm Tay seconded and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois (Secretary)