

Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 07/20/2022, 5:00 pm.

Present: Johnstone Campbell, Lawrence Dubois, Tay Silveira

Johnstone called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

The Group remembered Susan on the 1 year anniversary of her passing.

Tay motioned to accept the minutes of 06/15/2022 as revised, Larry seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Johnstone read a couple of announcements including a training program through MCOB.

Johnstone brought up the conservation project at Titus Pond. There was a brief discussion about the project, and at what point should the groups that have a joint interest be brought into projects. Should groups associated with the use of any project be brought in prior to any conceptual plans being made?

Tay mentioned searching for documents and finding material that had been presented in the past. Larry said we should think about creating a master storage file that we could put reference material into for later retrieval when needed.

Johnstone brought up completing the MPIC goals for submission as our August report. It was felt that the current update that the group had put together was sufficient for submission. Tay will send Johnstone a wording change to G4-13.

Johnstone brought up that one of us should attend the planning board meeting on the 202/33 corridor project. Larry will be attending.

There was discussion on the size of the commission and forming reasons for expansion. Johnstone said he would continue as vice-chair. Larry said he was willing to continue as secretary. Tay said she would take on Chair.

There is a question about the makeup of the commission if it is increased to 7. Is the commission required to have a majority of the commission with a disability or have a family member with a disability. Larry stated that Mass. General law Part 1 title 7 chapter 40 section 8J require a majority is required to be handicapped. (Does Rick still qualify even though Susan has passed?)

Larry asked if we need to update the survey to indicate where they can be returned. Johnstone indicated that surveys handed out at the library and the senior center can be returned there. Surveys can also be returned at the town hall mail box with a note (Care of Commission on Disabilities). Larry will put the survey on the COD page.

Next meeting is scheduled for 08/17/2022 at 5pm.

Larry motioned to adjourn at 6:32 pm Tay seconded and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois (Secretary)