

## Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 07/29/2020, 5:02 pm

Present: Tay Silveira, Johnstone Campbell, Susan Dunderdale, Lawrence Dubois,  
Absent: Jamie Mazur

Susan informed the group on her conversation with town manager Mike Sullivan concerning the ADA town wide survey. The conversation then turned to how to protect respondents confidentiality. There was a brief discussion of what type of question should be on the survey. Susan told the group that Mike Sullivan thought it might also be good for the group to do some individual discussions with a select group of people. The group asked Susan to see if Mike Sullivan could get us a Town E-mail address.

At 5:15 Jamie Mazur joined the meeting. Sue gave Jamie a quick rundown of the meeting.

The group discussed how many questions might be on the survey, and how to structure the questions to obtain the clearest picture of individual needs. The group would send any question they want on the survey to Susan before the next meeting.

Johnston gave the group an update on how the town was proceeding on a town based platform for virtual meetings. The town was looking at using Zoom for future meetings. Zoom appears to have the best options for those with disabilities to attend virtual meetings.

Johnston went over his attempt to get access to the towns emergency preparedness plan. Hopefully, at some point, the group will be able to look it over to assess how it addresses persons with disabilities. The group wondered if there was a list for people that needed assistance in an emergency. (people with power electric chairs that would need recharging etc.) The group thought it would be good to develop information sheets on how to help with different disabilities during an emergency.

Susan said the group should look at the towns grievance list to review at a future meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 26, 2020 5:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois (Secretary)