

Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 09/15/2020, 5:00 pm.

Present: Susan Dunderdale, Tay Silveira, Johnstone Campbell, Lawrence Dubois, Jamie Mazur, and David Gardener (Building Inspector)

Susan called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm and the members introduced themselves to David.

David let commission know his background and what his duties were including inspections and enforcement. Dave explained that he is required to go by the handicap standards under Massachusetts 521CMR as it superceeds the ADA requirements. Dave gave some examples of the differences in the two different standards. David and the group went over how the commission interacts with the town, after which David asked if we would like to be advised on upcoming projects. Susan said we would appreciate access to new projects in order to provide input. David said he would send us plans for 2 projects currently in the process of being evaluated and approved. David will also be including a copy of Mass 521 CMR.

Minutes for July 29 and August 26 of 2020 were approved as amended.

Susan asked for input on the MOD accessibility Grant. The group talked about the need to take some of the items off of the towns list of ADA short falls. It was also felt that a wheelchair ramp to the first floor of town hall would provide at least minimal access in the event that the elevator should fail. Susan will put together a list for the grant and submit it.

The commission members went over when their terms would expire, and the fact that the website list of officers was incorrect. Larry said he would correct the list of officers.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2020 at 5 pm.

The meeting Adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois (Secretary)