

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
MINUTES
Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities
May 13, 2019
7:00PM Town Hall, Room 407

1. Call meeting to order
 - a. Meeting commenced at 7:05pm
 - b. Members present: Mary Silverberg, Joe Kolczynski, Edward Shaham, Erin Conneely, Ann Mione, Suzanne Oslander, department of Social Services and ADA coordinator (via telephone)
 - c. Members absent: Andrew Kellogg, Rebecca Hajosy, Nicholas Delaney
 2. Minutes of March 11, 2019 were approved.
 3. Guest Speaker: Chuck Wusterbarth AAA Driving School Market Manager
- Issues for people with disabilities;
- AAA's program: Driving School for the Deaf
- A. Adjustments of presentation materials needed for effective use.
 - B. Presentation methods required for compatibility with interpreters.
 - C. Additional Issues of discussion;
 1. Training and certification of interpreters as driving instructors to facilitate Behind The Wheel Instruction
 2. Communication difficulties associated with student permitting and road testing.
 3. Standardization of classroom program.
4. Staff Report (Suzanne Oslander – Town ADA Coordinator)
 - Update on works in progress.
 5. Old Business.
 - AIRA update (Edward)
Edward Shaham and Suzanne Oslander had a meeting with Martha Church and are continuing discussions for securing a grant to fund AIRA in town libraries.

- Recruitment of new commission members
Three board vacancies remain to be filled.

6. New Business

- Mary Silverberg and Joe Kolczynski attended **PUSHING BACK: A FORUM AND PANEL DISCUSSION** Defeating disability discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.
Presented by;
Disability Rights Connecticut and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

7. Adjournment 8:10 PM – next meeting date: June 24, 2019 Rm 407 at 7:00 PM