

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
MINUTES
Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities
March 11, 2019
7:00PM Town Hall, Room 407

1. Call meeting to order
 - a. Meeting commenced at 7:05pm
 - b. Members present: Andrew Kellogg, Mary Silverberg, , Joe Kolczynski, Edward Shaham, Erin Conneely, Suzanne Oslander, department of Social Services and ADA coordinator
 - c. Members absent: Rebecca Hajosy, Nicholas Delaney
2. Minutes of November 19, 2018 were amended to reflect the following;
 - a. The date of the June meeting was corrected to June 24, 2019
 - b. Human and Leisure Services should now read Social Services.

3. Guest Speaker: Vernon Riddick Jr., West Hartford Police Chief

Issues for people with disabilities;

- Special needs registry
 1. WH police dispatcher software currently has the capability to alert first responders in vehicles.
 2. Planning for an outreach program to include persons with mental health issues and autism.
 3. Additional Issues of discussion;
 - Training officers on de-escalation techniques.
 - Periodic in service training
 - Refresher driving training for all officers.
- 4. Staff Report (Suzanne Oslander – Town ADA Coordinator)
 - Wolcott Park will be upgraded and will include one ADA compliant unisex restroom.
- 5. Old Business.
 - Accessible Voting
Ann Mione reported that the staff at the Braeburn voting location were unprepared for use of the accessible voting equipment.
 - AIRA update (Edward)

Edward Shaham and Suzanne Oslander are meeting with Martha Church to discuss possibility of a grant to fund AIRA in town libraries.

- Edward Shaham reported that Walgreens, AT&T and Target have contracts to provide free AIRA service to their customers.
- Recruitment of new commission members
New Board member Erin Conneely and Waiting for appointment, Al Sylvestre, and Ann Mione attended the meeting.
- Three board vacancies remain to be filled.

6. New Business

- Mary Silverberg and Joe Kolczynski attended the Plan of Conservation & Development Thematic Meetings on Housing & Transportation.

7. Adjournment 8:15 PM – next meeting date: May 13, 2019 Rm 407 at 7:00 PM