

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD**  
**MINUTES**  
**Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities**  
**November 18, 2019**  
**7:00PM Town Hall, Room 407**

- 1) Call to order
  - a) Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM
  - b) Members present: Rebecca Hajosy, Andrew Kellogg, Mary Silverberg, Joe Kolczynski, Edward Shaham (Via telephone), Ann Mione, Suzanne Oslander, department of Human and Leisure Services and ADA coordinator
  - c) Members absent: Nick Delaney, Erin Coneely
- 2) Introduction of Members
- 3) The minutes of our September 9, 2019 meeting were approved.
- 4) Staff Report

Suzanne Oslander: Accessible restrooms at Eisenhower Park are in progress.
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Dates for 2020 meetings were approved.
  - b) Mary reported on meeting with Lt. Rocheleau of WHPD: Mary, Joe and Beth and Charley Rival of NFB CT met with Lt. Rocheleau who was receptive to the development of a training segment for working with the blind and visually impaired community. At his request we provided Lt. Rocheleau with resources and contact information to further research.
  - c) Mary reported that LiveWell is completing development of a program to present to WHPD and WHFD. (Rebecca suggested that WHACPD consider becoming Dementia friends; all present were in favor of this action.)
  - d) Mary and Joe reported on attending a forum on the Future of Autonomous Vehicles and Public transportation; CT DOT is actively working on incorporating incremental technology leading to eventual fully autonomous vehicles in limited travel corridors.
  - e) Mary and Joe reported on attending a workshop “Motivation: Driving on the Spectrum”; the presentation was interesting and informative relative to the challenges and fears of the parents concerning the difficulties and dangers of adult children with autism navigating the complex world of traffic.

- f) Edward reported on the progress of the public library seeking a grant to incorporate free AIRA access within the West Hartford public libraries; there has been no significant progress beyond the report at our last meeting.
  - g) Accessible Voting; All reported that accessible services were working adequately at polling locations.
- 6) New Business
- a) Mary reported on safety improvements at the Kane St, /Prospect intersection; Planned are audible signals, curb cuts and ramps and actual crosswalk improvements.
- 7) Adjournment at 7:48 PM. Next meeting date January 13, 2020 Rm 407 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Silverberg and Joe Kolczynski