

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
MINUTES
Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities
March 9, 2020
7:00 PM Town Hall, Room 217

1. Call meeting to order

a. Meeting commenced at 7:04 pm

Members present: Andrew Kellogg, Mary Silverberg, Joe Kolczynski, Edward Shaham (Via telephone), Rebecca Hajosy, Nicholas Delaney, Ann Mione and Suzanne Oslander, department of Social Services and ADA coordinator

b. Members absent: Erin Conneely

2. Introductions

3. The minutes of our January 27, 2020 meeting were approved.

4. Staff Report

Susan Oslander:

- Attempt was made to contact Dementia Friends, but her call had not yet been returned.
- Eisenhower park bathroom is expected to be complete by this summer.

5. Guest Speakers:

Lt. Eric Rocheleau, WHPD Training Division, Robert McCue, Deputy Director Office of West Hartford Emergency Management

- Presentation of WHPD Officer's Guide to Interactions with People with Visual Impairments.
 1. A training module was presented which was developed from a meeting with members of The National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut and information provided by;
 - ✓ The Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind
 - ✓ Connecticut Association of Guide Dog Users
 - ✓ The Seeing Eye Advocacy Council
 - ✓ United States Department of Justice – Civil Rights Division
- Discussion regarding Emergency preparedness policies and procedures for persons with disabilities.

Numerous issues were discussed. Of notable interest are;

 1. Four West Hartford Police Officers are fluent in ASL
 2. Video relay and interpreting are also available

3. Self-reliance and a personal network in emergency situations were emphasized.
4. People requiring medical equipment have been incorporated.
5. Community notification is available on Face Book, WeHa the Town Web Site and 211 telephone service.
6. Notification is available on reverse 911 for landlines. For notification on cell phones registration is required.
7. Special needs list and File of Life through WHFD.
8. Police Department downloadable Care Card.

6. Adjournment at 8:01PM Next meeting May 11, 2020 Room 217 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Silverberg and Joe Kolczynski