

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
MINUTES
Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Special Meeting
January 27, 2020
7:00PM Town Hall, Room 407

1. Call meeting to order

- a) Meeting commenced at 7:00pm
- b) Members Present: Mary Silverberg, Joe Kolczynski, Ann Mione, Andrew Kellogg, Rebecca Hajosy, Edward Shaham, Erin Conneely.
Members Absent: Nicholas Delaney
- c) Minutes of November 18, 2019 were approved.

2. Staff Report

Suzanne Oslander: No additions to works in progress

3. Old Business.

- a) Ann reported on Crime in the Disability Community Forum. Several workshops and panel discussions addressed Communication Challenges with Police and accessibility issues with Courts, Shelters and Law Enforcement
- b) Rebecca reported on details of becoming Dementia Friends. This includes a 90-minute training/presentation and deciding on open or closed session for the training.
 - Suzanne suggested and members agreed that the program should be open and better offered through the Department of Social Services.

4. New Business

Discuss and prepare for March 9, 2020 meeting with WHPD and WHFD. The following are a few of the topics discussed;

- Service and Support animals
- Behavioral and Cognitive issues
- Public expectations of Police and Fire Departments
- Transportation
- People with significant medical needs and equipment

5. Adjournment at 8:02 PM. Next meeting date: March 9, Room 217 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Silverberg and Joe Kolczynski