

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
MINUTES
Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities
March 8, 2021

7:00PM Virtual Meeting Via WebX

- Call meeting to order
 - Members present: Joe Kolczynski, Mary Silverberg, Erin Conneely, Ann Mione, Andrew Kellogg, Nick Delaney, Amy Messinger, Suzanne Oslander, (Town ADA Coordinator – Department of Social Services)
 - Guests: Jennifer Kowitt, Kim Grehn, Rebeca Hajosy, Jon Slifka, Renee McCue
- Minutes from January 11, 2021 meeting were approved.
- Staff Report (Suzanne Oslander – Town ADA Coordinator, Department of Social Services)
 - Letter from the Commission supporting expenditure of CDBG funds to promote accessibility in all parks and public facilities in accordance with ADA requirements was sent to Helen Rubino-Turco.
- Old Business
 - Recruitment of commission members.
 - New commission member Amy Messinger
 - Guests Jennifer Kowitt and Kim Grehn considering membership.
 - Mary Silverberg reached out to Ronni Newton (WeHa and West Hartford Press), Jon Slifka, Leon Davidoff, Amy Barzack and Ronit Shoham.
- New Business
 - Discussion of Awareness of Town Services for the disability community because of Covid 19 restrictions.
 - How do residents find out how to sign up to be entered into the town's data base to receive Mayors Emergency phone calls and emails?
 - Traditional methods for disseminating information are no longer available as public gatherings are no longer permitted.

- Suzanne Oslander suggested that a brochure, listing various resources be printed in Spanish and English for distribution, when people come to Town Hall for other reasons and through senior housing and residential coordinators.
 - Joe and Mary to research and provide a list to Suzanne.
- Adjournment 8:05 PM - next meeting date: May 3, 2021 Virtual- WebX at 7:00 PM