

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
MINUTES
Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities
May 3, 2021**

7:00PM Virtual Meeting Via WebX

- Call meeting to order
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
 - Members present: Joe Kolczynski, Mary Silverberg, Erin Conneely, Ann Mione, Amy Messenger, Tara McNeil, Jason Mirsky, Stevie Ann Lis, Kimberly Jacobsen, Suzanne Oslander (Town ADA Coordinator – Department of Social Services)
 - Members Absent: Nicholas Delaney, Andrew Kellogg
 - Guest Attendees: Helen Rubino-Turco (Director of Leisure Services and Social Services), Carol Waxman (Interim Director, West Hartford Public Library)
 - Minutes from March 8, 2021 meeting were approved.
 - Staff Report: Suzanne Oslander reported that starting May 25, the Faxon Branch Library will be an additional location to distribute meat and produce through Foodshare. Helen Rubino-Turco and Carol Waxman reported that the Town plans to acquire St. Bridget’s School property, in Elmwood. The Town has made an offer and expects to close in August. This property is being considered to house the Elmwood Senior Center and Faxon branch Library and other community programs. The current Faxon Library building is being considered for other community programs. The property currently housing the Elmwood Community Center is expected to be sold to a developer for commercial and/or residential use.

The town will conduct public outreach on these issues prior to final decisions.

- Old Business
 - Recruitment of new Commission members: Mary Silverberg reported that all eleven seats on the commission are currently filled. All four new members introduced themselves.
 - Brochure of Resources: Joe Kolczynski reported that while not abandoned, no work has been done. Joe asked all commission members to please share their

commonly used resources with him to help with the research. Further discussion is postponed until our June meeting.

- New Business
 - West Hartford Sustainability Advisory group. Erin Conneely has agreed to represent this commission. The town is now targeting May 25 for their kickoff meeting.
 - FOIA webinar through CT Conference of Municipalities: Mary Silverberg reported the webinar reviewed legal requirements and procedures which must be followed by all Town boards and commissions with regard to The Freedom of Information Act.
 - Brief review of past activities of WHACPD: For the benefit of new commission members, a discussion of past commission activities was addressed.
- Adjournment 8:05 PM - next meeting date: June 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM Virtual-WebX or possibly in Room 407.