

Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 04/26/2023, 5:00 pm.

Present: Lawrence Dubois, Tay Silveira, and Rick Dunderdale. Guest Elizabeth Cooke

Tay called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Larry motioned to accept the minutes as amended 03/10/2023. Rick seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Tay told the group that the state COD was looking to update the contact information for the South Hadley COD. There was a brief discussion on what information to provide.

Larry updated the group on the current status of the Buttery Brook Park PARC grant.

Tay brought up the letter supporting the change to allow ADUs. And asked if the group had any comment on additions. There were some minor changes and Larry was to add the letterhead and corrections and send it back to Tay.

Tay asked the group as to what to do with the survey. The group felt it would wait to see if changes should be made and then how to proceed.

Tay discussed the authorizing legislation for the COD and Larry will put it in the groups library. There was a short discussion on the need to increase the numbers of members on the Commission.

The group talked about what would happen if someone requested an accommodation for their handicap. There needs to be clear instructions on where to go to get the services requested.

Tay informed the group of some services that have been talked about at the Age and Dementia forum for the elderly, and asked if the group thinks it should pursue whether those services and available for handicapped individuals as well.

Tay stated that some people have had problems with public postings for elections. She suggested that we look at asking the Fire districts to insure that they post all their meeting. Details of how to get to the meeting should be included.

Larry reminded the group that there is a new ethics training portal and we will have to do the training again.

Next meeting is May 17th at 5pm.

Larry motioned to adjourn at 5:58 pm Rick seconded and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois (Secretary)