

Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 05/26/2021, 5:30 pm.

Present: Johnstone Campbell, Lawrence Dubois, Jamie Mazur, Absent Susan Dunderdale.

Jamie called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Johnstone moved to approve the minutes of 2/17/2021. Jamie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Jamie moved to approve the minutes of 2/17/2021. Johnstone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 5:36 Tay Silveira joined the meeting.

Tay addressed the fact that on the street list published by the town it list some individuals as Handicapped, and felt that it might be a HIPPA violation. Johnstone had talked to the town clerk and she stated that the list was from the state census and listed the information from there. The clerk said that what you put in the work box on the census is selected by the individual filling out the census. She also stated that some people put handicapped in the box in order to qualify for disability benefits. Tay said that she has tried to correct the information without any success. Larry said we should put this on a future agenda. Jamie said that we should add this to a future agenda as she also thought this might be a HIPPA violation. Larry will ask Jeff Dugan for advice on the issue, as this leaves individuals open to being targeted.

Larry will set up forwarding of E-Mails from the COD mailbox to members who want to receive them, to insure that any requests are seen in order to guarantee a response to their inquiry.

Larry will send Kristen an E-mail letting her know that Johnstone will be staying on the commission and Jamie will not be continuing after June. Johnstone will be assuming the position of Vice Chair. The commission felt it would be best if the commission was increased to 7 members as the members of the commission may often be ill and unable to attend a meeting. Larry made the motion and Jamie seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The group needs to follow up with Leslie Hennessey of the COA and will address this in the June meeting.

The group needs to get access to the COD survey. Will address in the June meeting.

Larry updated the group on the present status of upgrades to BATTERY Brook Park. The friends are still willing to support a handicapped wheelchair swing. The friends are looking at 2 different types of swings and will work with the parks department on the grant and upgrades. We should look at what Belchertown's Jessica's Boundless Playground has.

Larry stated that the TM search is restarting and hopes to move quickly.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 Larry motioned to adjourn and Tay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

Next meeting is scheduled for June 16th 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois (Secretary)