

Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 06/12/2025, 5:00 pm.

Present: Tay Silveira, Lawrence Dubois, Saul Mazur, Ann-Marie Mahnken. Guests: Johnstone Campbell.

Tay called the meeting to order. at 5:08 pm.

Larry motioned to accept the minutes of 05/21/2025 as amended, Saul seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tay announced that the ADA coordinator information was sent to Mass ADA to be updated on their website. Saul and Tay attended the evacuation training, and there will be more training in the future.

The group went over the ADA improvement grant. Tay sent a letter of support for the TV15 ADA improvement. Larry suggested that we make a reminder for early in the year that the ADA grant was coming in May. Tay said Lisa would like us to look at a list of projects to take place over the next 5 years. Tay stated that COD is eligible to submit grant applications for ADA grants. Tay suggested revisiting making an application to have all HC parking fees deposited into an account to be accessed by the COD commissions. Per.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter40/Section22g>

Tay asked Saul if he was interested in joining the Human Rights commission and he declined.

Tay asked if there were any questions on the Survey we were looking to put out. Larry suggested that the Survey seems to lack a Title. Johnstone and Saul said that it would be easy to provide an Intro title and paragraph. After some discussion on what items had been considered for the survey. Ann-Marie asked if there should be a second part to the question asking about your handicap. The second part should ask if they had an idea of what could be done to help alleviate the problems encountered related to the disability.

Tay went over the letter of endorsement for the “trails for all bill”, then Ann-Marie motioned to accept the letter and Saul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tay went over the information on the aging in place fair on the 23rd, Saul will be there Tay and Ann-Marie will come when they can to help out. Tay asked if it would be a problem with the open meeting law. As long as they are only passing along information on what is available through COD and don't get into any COD business, there would be no problems with the open meeting law.

Tay informed the group that there may be an article in the town reminder about the evacuation chair.

The next meeting is on: July 23rd at 5pm.

Saul motioned to adjourn, and Ann-Marie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois, Secretary