

Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 07/19/2023, 5:00 pm.

Present: Lawrence Dubois, Tay Silveira, Anthony Dart, and Rick Dunderdale. Guest Johnstone Campbell, Viv Price, and Marie Rohan

Tay called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Rick motioned to accept the minutes as amended 05/17/2023. Larry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Tay told the group that the state COD will have 2 virtual meetings. Tay signed up for the August meeting.

Tay and Johnstone went over the letter to the state for public trails bill S.446 & H.769. The group voted unanimously to support the bill.

Johnstone discussed what he had discovered about evacuation chairs. The decision on getting the chairs resides with the fire districts. He gave a brief description of the chairs and how they work. Viv said he was working on a evacuation and safety plan, and the group should work with him if they want to get one for town hall. Larry asked how the group should proceed. Viv said he would be working the issue from his end.

The group talked about meeting with Sharon Hart to discuss the Emergency plan and it's impact on disabled individuals.

Tay talked about Mod's letter of guidance on reasonable accommodations. Larry suggested asking Lisa how the town was addressing reasonable accommodation issues.

Tay said she would try to get into Mount Holyokes program with Alice Wong called Disability Visibility project. She would then see how the group might use the information from the project.

Tay said she had attended the meeting on housing improvements would keep the group informed of future meeting.

Next meeting is Aug. 16

Larry motioned to adjourn at 6:01 pm Rick seconded and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois (Secretary)