

Commission for the Disabled Meeting  
Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018

Call to order 5:04

Commissioners Present: Don Ciota, Ed Pearson (left 6:01), Chris Calabro, Sharol Signorelli (arrived 5:18); Tony Phillips. Visitor: Rudy Marconi (arrived 5:50)

No public comment

Review of Minutes from 1/8/18. One amendment to minutes- Bill Kenyon at the conclusion of the meeting verbally informed the group of his intent to resign from the Commission. The Commission thanked Bill for his dedication and his years of service as Secretary. Minutes approved as amended.

Discussion to appoint new secretary. Chris Calabro will be the new Secretary. Ed will serve as backup as needed. Ed made the motion to approve appointment, Sharol seconded and all approved.

Recruitment of new commission members. A request is pending in the First Selectman's office to post an ad in The Ridgefield Press. Town Charter allows for 9 members currently there are five voting members. One interested resident has reached out to Tony. Communication with interested party will continue through Don.

Commissioners with expiring terms. The following Commissioners terms are up for expiration. Those interested in continuing should express this in writing to the First Selectman with copy to the Chair. Those expiring: Chris Calabro – 3/8/18, Sharol Signorelli - 3/29/18, Ed Pearson – 4/12/18. Don will reach out to Andrew Neblett, IT to update the Commission's page with current member names.

Reschedule May meeting. The May Commission for the Disabled meeting will be moved to May 7<sup>th</sup>. This did not conflict with members schedules.

Town Wide ADA Self-Assessment Status. Tony gave an update on the execution of the contract which is pending in the Purchasing Office. Discussion on the RidgefieldCT.org website and consulting arrangement negotiated/agreed with IHCD. First Selectman Marconi was invited by the Chair to join the Commission during the discussion of "ownership" of the project plan. Each town department will have a point of contact for this project to interact with the Commissioners as needed. We will have much more clarity once a work plan is provided by the Consultant. Tony will present the project at the next town staff meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> so the departments will be aware contact is forthcoming. Further discussions were had around compliance around quorum and proper communication for public meetings. As of now, 3 Commissioners would make quorum.

First Selectman Marconi provided the ADA budget line balance update – \$55K. Discussion around upcoming sidewalk project in front of Casagmo. He provided positive feedback on the sidewalk grinder that was purchased over the summer. St. Mary's is funding a sidewalk project that will improve that corner. Discussion around responsibility of telephone poles in sidewalks.

Commission agreed to add two items to next month meeting:

- Review of the name in the Town Charter - - Commission for the Disabled.

- Propose recommendations to BOS on priority project(s) for the ADA line budget for current fiscal year.

6:15 Adjourn

C. Calabro, Secretary