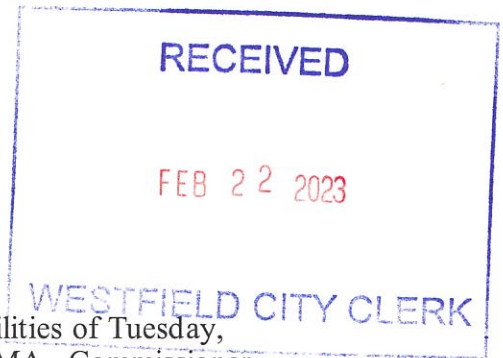


Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
January 17, 2023

Meeting Minutes



The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, January 17, 2023, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: J.Tirrell, J.Gosselin, N.Smith III, M.M.Dyer

Public Participation: None

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to approve the minutes of Meeting of December 20, 2022, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell;all in favor; 4/0 Motion passes.

Fine and Forfeits account update:

Fine and Forfeits account update was submitted by Kim Kolek, Auditor's Office by email on Jan. 11, 2023. Commissioner J.Gosselin, Secretary read the update: Our balance is at 39, 560. Playground/All Access - Cross St.is at 59,000(project completed). The Transition Plan Resolution is at 20,000. The Traffic/Crosswalk signal is at 2,500. Our balance would be at 17,060.

Old business:

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Table the Informational Brochure Review/Changes, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell;all in favor; 4/0; Motion passes.

Election of Officers 2023

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Open the Election of Officers, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 4/0 Motion passes.

Chair:

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to nominate N.Smith III for Chair, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; Discussion: Commissioner J.Gosselin thanked N.Smith III for all he does for the commission and appreciates his continued leadership.

Roll Call: J.Gosselin-Smith; J.Tirrell-Smith; M.M.Dyer-Smith; N.Smith III-Smith; 4/0 Smith; Norm Smith III, elected Chair.

Secretary:

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to nominate J.Gosselin for Secretary, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; Discussion: Commissioner J.Tirrell thanks J.Gosselin for his work as secretary.

Roll Call: N.Smith III-Gosselin; J.Tirrell-Gosselin; J.Gosselin-Gosselin; M. M.Dyer-Gosselin; 4/0; Jeffrey Gosselin, elected Secretary.

Vice Chair:

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to nominate J.Tirrell for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner M.M.Dyer; Discussion: Commissioner J.Tirrell shares that she looks forward to this new role in the coming year.

Roll Call: J.Gosselin-Tirrell; N.Smith III-Tirrell; M.M.Dyer-Tirrell; J.Tirrell-Tirrell;4/0; Joanne Tirrell elected Vice Chair.

2023 Election Results:

Norm Smith III - CHAIR

Jeffrey Gosselin - SECRETARY

Joanne Tirrell - VICE CHAIR

New Business:

Commissioner J.Gosselin shared that no money was collected in the Auditors Office for parking violations in November. Commissioner N.Smith III will follow the issue of handicap parking in the coming year.

Commissioner J.Gosselin shared that in recent communication with Tina Gorman, Director of Senior Center he was informed that the In-Person Senior Fair is Cancelled for this year, due to building renovations, space, and staffing issues; but Ms. Gorman hopes to have the In-Person Fair back in 2024.

*Commissioner Tom Johnson enters the meeting at 6:50 pm.

N. Smith III, Chair gave a brief summary of the meeting agenda and topics and welcomed our newest Commissioner Tom Johnson. Commissioner M.M.Dyer asked for IT Center, contact information. Commissioner J.Gosselin offered this information. Commissioner J.Tirrell shared that she really enjoyed all the nice holiday decorations in front of city hall this holiday season. Commissioner N.Smith III, shared that he will follow up on the Telephone Pole on Bates Road and the work remains as several agencies need to coordinate together. Commissioner N.Smith III, shared that he will continue to have communications with the Mayor about (one) vacancy still on the commission. Commissioner N.Smith III, shared we can look into the dates and times of meetings for the new year. Our next planned meeting will be on February 21, 2023.

*Always check city website and calendar in case of changes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor. Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary