



Northampton Disability Commission
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Minutes of the January 19, 2016 Disability Commission Meeting

Members present: Hannah Coyle, Chair, Patricia Shaughnessy, ADA Coordinator/Director, City Councilor Marianne La Barge, Gaetane Fortin, James Winston, Leitia Ward

Members Excused: Ruth McGrath

Absent: Chris Palames

Recorder: Patricia Shaughnessy in the absence of Ruth McGrath, Secretary

1. Meeting to call to order at 5:07pm and that the meeting was being recorded and videotaped. New member of the Commission, Leitia Ward, was welcomed on board.
2. Members introduced themselves.
3. A motion made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Leitia Ward to accept the November 17, 2015 minutes with the following amendments: In #1 correct the spelling of *being* and under new buisness #1 correct the spelling of *Senior*. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment: Zane Lumelsky spoke to the topic of the potential crosswalk on Hampton Avenue and its placement. He distributed handouts to members regarding the location. Several residents of the Hampton Avenue area spoke in favor of the crosswalk being placed closer to the Pleasant Street end of Hampton Avenue. Outcome: Patricia Shaughnessy will request a site visit for Commission members with Richard Parasiliti and James Laurila of the DPW.
5. Councilor LaBarge requested that the Commission begin meeting at 4:00pm rather than at 5:00pm. Motion made by Leitia Ward, seconded by Councilor LaBarge to change the meeting time to 4:00pm. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Councilor LaBarge recommended at the February meeting that the membership work on the planning for the year and not the brochure.

7. Other:

-At the next meeting Ms. Shaughnessy will give an update on the Hampton Avenue crosswalk topic.

-A motion was made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Leitia Ward, that a thank you letter be sent to Michael Nagy for his years of service to the Commission.

-Hannah Coyle suggested that if there is a cancellation of a meeting that it also be placed on the Disability's website. The website is maintained by Senior Services. Ms. Shaughnessy stated that if there is a change with the meeting, she calls and/or emails membership.

- Leitia Ward spoke of her accident at the crosswalk in front of the Smith College Campus Center. Chairperson Hannah Coyle suggested this topic be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

- Patricia Shaughnessy announced her retirement as of July 6th.

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:01. Motion made by Marinane LaBarge and seconded by Leitia Ward. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Patricia Shaughnessy, ADA Coordinator/Director

Next scheduled meeting: February 16, 2016

