

Northampton Disability Commission
Gene Page, Chair
City Councilor Marianne LaBarge, Vice-Chair

Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Disability Commission Meeting

Members Present: Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, Gene Page, Marianne LaBarge

ADA Coordinator Present: Marie Westburg

Recorder Present: Douglas Renick

Members Absent: Emma Cornwell, Letisha Ward, Jim Winston, Hannah Coyle, Linda Kakos.

Members Resigned: Chris Palames, Judy Kimberly.

Guests present: None

Public Comment: None

Welcome and introductions: New members Rodney Kunath, Michael Morton will both be present in September.

Approval of the June 18th, 2019 Minutes: Noted a change to be made: “Dubs” not “Dabs” for Jeremy Macomber-Dubs. The vote on approval of these minutes will happen in the September meeting.

Transition Plan: There will be public hearings in the Fall for an education group, probably in late September. It is important that parents know that the Disability Commission is here and there is a new Transition Plan. Marie will work on the public hearing focused on the education community. There will be a public hearing for the deaf community in the fall as well. Marie will talk to mayor about the public hearings. Department heads have received a copy of the draft Plan and are giving feedback via email. This feedback will be shared in the September meeting. Commission membership should be clear by September.

New Business:

- We need to thank Chris and Judy for their service. A letter will be sent from the Commission. We could also send a gift. Marie will see if this is possible. The Commission does have some funds.
- Need to gauge when we have enough feedback on the Transition Plan. The Commission is advisory. The Plan may not be adopted in every instance and actions may be spread out over time.

Adjournment: Moved by Marianne LaBarge and seconded by Gene Page. Unanimous approval.