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Disability Commission Minutes Tuesday March 14, 2023 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Members

Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Councilor Marianne LaBarge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Benoit, Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emma Cornwell, Vice Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Sugihara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Murri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Linda Kakos <input type="checkbox"/>	Marilyn Clare <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rodney Kunath <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Morton <input type="checkbox"/>	

1. Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, Chair, gave notice that the meeting was being recorded. Attendance roll call was taken. Jeremy Macomber-Dubs introduced the new member of the Disability Commission, Amy Sugihara.
2. Public comments were asked, no public comments were given.
3. February 14th, 2023 minutes were approved unanimously by a roll call vote, motioned by Councilor Marianne LaBarge seconded by Jeremy Macomber-Dubs.
4. The Draft proclamation language recognizing July as Disability Pride Month was discussed, but there was no electricity at City Hall so the document could not be accessed. It will be discussed next month.
5. Creating a subcommittee on creating flyers for Disability Pride Month. Councilor Marianne LaBarge asked if Ben Kalish from Forbes Library could help with that. Emma Cornwell asked if there was interest in doing anything for the month in addition to the movie screening. Amy Sugihara asked what it would like to organize a march. Keith Benoit said that whatever is decided, it needs to conform to Open Meeting Law. Amy Sugihara asked how much time for planning a march is needed and if there was any money available paying for the police escort. Keith Benoit (staff) said that the money from the fees levied on handicapped parking cannot be used to pay for it. Councilor Marianne LaBarge said that there are many things to consider with the proclamation, the movie, and a possible march.
6. Amy Sugihara asked about the design a flyer and Emma Cornwell said that she



would be willing to helped design.

7. The next steps for the public service announcement for snow shoveling were discussed. Keith Benoit said that he reached out to the Easthampton Media to see about using the video that the Easthampton Commission on Disability used.
8. For Next Meeting
 - Review On- and Off-Street Accessible Parking Ordinance edits
 - Update on raising money / using revolving funds
 - Update on planning the July Disability Pride month meeting
9. Meeting was adjourned unanimously with a motion by Marianne LaBarge and seconded by Emma Cornwell at 4:59 PM.