

Winthrop Commission on Disability

Meeting Date: Date 07/13/23

Commission Members In Attendance:

Andrew Carr	x	Kathleen Kane <i>on zoom</i>	x
Hannah Belcher, Town Council Liaison	x	John Morgan	x
Denise Quist	x	Jon Rodis <i>on zoom</i>	x
Karla Murphy	x		

- A. Swearing in new members and reappointment: Andrew was reappointed and sworn in
- B. Election of officers
 - Karla Murphy, Chair
 - Jon Rodis, Vice-Chair
 - Andrew Carr, Secretary
 - The chair will provide the monthly meeting agenda, due 48 hours prior to the meeting
- C. Jeff Duggan of MOD will attend the August meeting
- D. Review two applications for handicapped parking spots
 - First one was rejected – Denise Quist will follow up with the decision of the commission in a letter to the applicant explaining that live parking is not the purview of this commission
 - Second application was approved
 - Another discussion took place about a dedicated handicapped parking space for an individual living near a busy restaurant; all agreed to approve the dedicated space

- E. Commission members discussed accessory apartments and whether they are allowable in Winthrop; Denise Quist will look up any ordinances relative to this
- F. Resource Booklet discussion: Karla Murphy is the point person to work with Diane Grant on the booklet; briefly went over the Table of Contents; Karla will email everyone the draft of the book
- G. Andrew Carr is researching grants that might be helpful to other town departments, including accessibility grants; he will keep the commission updated with a chart outlining various grants
- H. Alternatives to guardianship: Supported Decision Making and Power of Attorney plus Health Care Proxy should be considered prior to declaring an individual incompetent; Kathleen Kane, Esq. will hold an information session hosted by WCOD; Denise Quist will coordinate the session date (hopefully to take place in September)
- I. The Commission members agreed they would like to hold more public information sessions on disability inclusion and accessibility, keeping people in their homes and out of nursing homes, and providing a supportive environment and community access
- J. Bylaws: Andrew Carr will use the template provided by MOD for Winthrop; to be ratified at the next commission meeting
- K. Future meeting Topics:
 - Town feedback and survey collections
 - Grants Review
 - Resource Booklet
 - Information Sessions / Drop in at the Senior Center

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Carr