



Winthrop Commission on Disability MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 23, 2025

Commission Members In Attendance:

John Morgan
Andrew Carr
Kathleen Kane
Karla Murphy

Nancy Tufo
Susan Smith
Denise Quist

Public: Karin Chavis (Citizen Finance Committee)

1. Roll call

2. No minutes from March meeting

3. CAM Training

- The Community Access Monitor (CAM) Program trains people to survey buildings for accessibility and use their skills to advocate for compliance with various rules and regulations.
- Karla participated in the March CAM training offered through Massachusetts Office of Disability (MOD) which was 10 hours over two days
- Andrew and John Morgan are registered for the May training
- Karla gave an overview of the training and what it entailed
- WCOD could develop a program to self-assess municipal buildings in Winthrop using the MOD guide and using interns from Winthrop High School and North Shore Community College

4. MOD Grant

- WCOD would like to stay involved throughout the process in an advisory role
- Denise will update us on the grant; RFPs were going out

5. ADA Anniversary Event

- It was agreed that planning an event would be too time-consuming and it's doubtful that there would be good attendance
- Instead, we will release notices on social media commemorating the anniversary, and perhaps Hannah can help get an article into the Transcript; Susan volunteered to write an article

6. Speaker Series

- March: Transitioning to Adulthood event at the high school was poorly attended but was very informative; we connected to the SEPAC; it was difficult accessing the school and a parent called the next day saying she could not get into the building; members agreed not to hold any more events at the school
- April: Staying in Your Home at the Senior Center; BCIL presented; it was very well attended and people had a lot of questions
- Commission members agreed that we should continue with the Speaker Series and suggested the following topics:
 - ADUs
 - Special Needs Trusts
 - ABLE Account
 - Accommodations

7. Guest for May Meeting

Invite Peg Lyons to talk about Housing

8. Facebook page for WCOD

Difficult to sustain because the page is connected to a person's personal FB account and if that person leaves, it can be transferred but can be a complex process; we can post on the town's FB page and TM's blog

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Murphy