



Winthrop Commission on Disability MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

Commission Members In Attendance:

John Morgan
Kathleen Kane

Nancy Tufo
Karla Murphy

GUEST: Meredith Hurley

1. Roll call

2. Approved minutes from July meeting

3. Meredith Hurley, Health Department

- Meredith spoke about Project Lifesaver with her counterpart from Quincy as well as the Emergency Manager from Chelsea
- They use a different service and are part of a regional Public Health Safety Net
- Each subscription is \$250/year
- Chelsea distributed 30 bands initially for free
- Members of the Commission agreed that we could finance the project and seek grants from organizations like Autism Speaks as well as use 22G funds
- Meredith will return to our October meeting to bring more details to our Commission
- Winthrop police would lead the initiative
- Meredith also spoke of the need for a Special Needs Registry; members indicated that we would be willing to collaborate on such a program

4. ADA Anniversary in July

- Transcript never printed our article about ADA35 but did devote space to the Revere Commission
- John attended the event in Boston and cohosted WMEX with Ben Rabinovitz
- Karla received reimbursement for the donated library books (approx.. \$138)

5. Recruitment of New Members

- John will speak to Jim Letterie about assigning someone to our commission since Denise is no longer a member
- Put in an article in TM's blog about our search for new members

6. Resource Guide

- We are out of guides
- Members agreed we should reprint 200 (Karla will check the number of the 1st

printing)

- We need to update our email and website

7. Goals for 2025-2026

- Hold the 2nd Accessible Adventure event next August
- Work with Dept of Health and Police to establish a registry
- Project Lifesaver
- Speaker Series
- Resource Guide
- Handicapped Parking applications (do we get a copy of decisions?)

NEXT MEETING: October 8 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Murphy