



Winthrop Commission on Disability MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 17, 2025

Commission Members In Attendance:

John Morgan
Kathleen Kane

Nancy Tufo
Karla Murphy
Hannah Belcher

1. Roll call

2. Approved minutes from November meeting

3. Town Council Liaison

TC will appoint someone in January

4. Outreach

- Two online news sources in Winthrop: Winthrop Pilot and Winthrop Observer; Karla submitted article for the December issue of the Winthrop Observer; any ideas for future articles can be discussed with the commission
- Hannah suggested doing news blurbs that are just short PSAs from WCOD
- There will be a potluck get together of Winthrop orgs in January; WCOD is a sponsor of the event; UPDATE: Karla & Nancy attended the 2 hour networking event

5. Safety Net

- No updates this month
- We need to find out if the transmitters are transferable; Karla will touch base with Meredith

6. Speaker Series

- February 2026: ADA Accommodations by Kathleen and Jon: accommodations at work and community access; Feb 25th? At 1 pm at Senior Center
- March 2026: Staying in Your Home by BCIL; March 18th or 25th?
- May 2026: ADUs: revised regulations; an alternative to nursing homes/group homes; Hannah will present; can Section 8 be used for an ADU

7. 22G Funds

- John will continue to monitor the funds

8. Resource Guide

- Commission members should review sections of the guide to update them
- Schedule a spring reprint

9. Other Business

- Karla will contact WIHA about the bricks

10. Goals for 2025-2026

- Hold the 2nd Accessible Adventure event next August
- Work with Dept of Health and Police to establish a registry
- SafetyNet
- Speaker Series
- Resource Guide

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Murphy