



Winthrop Commission on Disability MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 10, 2026

Commission Members In Attendance:

John Morgan

Kathleen Kane (Zoom)

Hannah Belcher (zoom)

Nancy Tufo

Karla Murphy

Susan Smith (zoom)

Town Council Liaisons: Pat Costigan, Joe Romano

1. Roll call

2. Approved minutes from May 2026 meeting

3. Speaker Series summary

- March 25, 2026: Staying in Your Home by BCIL; Senior Center; 1 p.m.
- April 29, 2026: ADUs: revised regulations; an alternative to nursing homes/group homes; Hannah presented; Senior Center; 1 p.m.
- May 27, 2026: How to Build Your Medical Team & Be an Effective Advocate; Kathleen Kane and Jon Rodis; Senior Center; 1 p.m.

Results were reviewed; all three received good reviews; we will continue next year with our series

4. WCOD Website

Karla emailed Denise & Laurisa about the website—no changes as of the June meeting; Joe Romano sad to cc him on the email and they will make sure the changes are made

5. Resource Book: Only 50 copies are left; we might need to re-order; we will need books for the Deer Island event

6. 22G Funds status

- Projected expenses for 2026
 - ✓ Resource Guide: \$2400
 - ✓ Designer for Resource Guide \$1000
 - ✓ Deer Island Event: \$13,000
 - ✓ Safety Net: \$14,133
 - ✓ Postcards: \$200

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES FOR 2026: \$30,733

7. Safety Net Update

- Need someone from commission to keep in touch with Meredith so we have some oversight on the project since we are funding it; Karla will stay in touch with Meredith

8. Issue of paying invoices/deposits prior to an event

- Hannah researched this and it is state law; a contract can be entered and if the vendor is dissatisfied with that arrangement, then we should use another vendor
- All contracts should be signed by Tony Marino
- Pos can also be offered

9. Pride Potluck Picnic Reminder of date and time; we will have a table

10. Election results

Karla Murphy, Chair

Jon Rodis, Vice-Chair

Hannah Belcher, Secretary

11. Goals for 2025-2026

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

NEXT MEETING: August 12 at 6 p.m. (NO JULY MEETING)

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Murphy