Westwood Disability Commission

June18, 2018 9:15 A.M.

Selectmen's Meeting Room

Town Hall

**Minutes**

Attendees:

Commission Members: Tom Barner, Anne Berry-Goodfellow, Michelle Fiola-Reidy, Fran MacQueen, Jette Meglan, Connie Rizoli, Mary Sethna, Chuck Taylor

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**Agenda item**: Approval of Minutes

April 12, 2018 Minutes Approved. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda item**: New Business – Contact with Planning Board

This item was deferred as the new Planning Board member was unavailable.

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**Agenda item**: New Business – Member recruitment

Lori GIllen resigned from the Commission because she moved out of Town. The opening will be filled by the Selectmen once a candidate is identified.

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**Agenda item**: New Business – Schedule of 2018-2019 Meetings

Meetings of the Commission are scheduled for September 14, 2018, October 12, 2018, November 16, 2018, January 11, 2019, February 8, 2019, March 8, 2019 April TBD, May 10, 2019 and June 14, 2019.

Anne suggested that each Member take one meeting and present a topic for the meeting. Members may review Agendas from Commissions in neighboring community for topics of interest.

The Commission plans to increase activities that raise awareness of issues such as housing for disabled residents so they don’t have to move away from their home community to find reasonably priced and accessible housing to other communities such as Norwood. The Commission is concerned about our lack of involvement in the revision of the Handicap Parking Regulations. Connie suggested that the Commission invite a member of the Board of Selectmen to a meeting.

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**Agenda item**: New Business – Officers 2018-2019

Anne Berry Goodfellow and Jette Meglan will continue as Co-chairs

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**Agenda item**: Old Business – Reports

Housing. costs are going up and are prohibitive for some residents:

1BR/1Ba rents for $2000, 2BR/2Ba $3000. These prices preclude rental by residents with Section 8 housing subsidies. It was suggested that the Commission discuss housing with the Council on Aging Director.

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**Agenda item**: Other Business

The Westwood Public Library has a book delivery service in concert with the Council on Aging for individuals who are unable to go to the Library.

Chuck raised concerns about the adequacy of curb cuts

The next meeting is September 14, 2018

Meeting Adjourned 11:15AM.