Westwood Disability Commission

September 14, 2018 9:15 A.M.

Champagne Room

50 Carby Street

**Minutes**

Attendees:

Commission Members: Anne Berry-Goodfellow, Fran MacQueen, Jette Meglan, Connie Rizoli, Mary Sethna, Chuck Taylor, Jean Barrett

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**Agenda item**: Approval of Minutes

June 18, 2018 Minutes Approved. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda item**: New Business – Town Hall Absentee Voting accessibility

Though Dottie Powers couldn’t make it to the meeting, a discussion regarding public access to Town Hall took place. It was mentioned that there is no directory at the side entrance to the building, which would be the side for current wheelchair access. There is also no bell or other means to call for help if getting stuck using the chair lift, or if needing help getting one’s wheelchair/walker moved either up or down the stairs. The Commission hopes to have Mrs. Powers join us for a discussion in the near future on this topic. This is not only an issue for the community needing to vote absentee, but in general for access to all services at Town Hall.

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**Agenda item**: New Business – Topics and speakers for 2018-2019

10/12 - Lina Arena DeRosa will speak to elder housing and other CoA issues

11/9 - Date changed from Nov. 16 to Nov. 9

Anne will work on getting the following speakers aligned:

Mr. Mike Walsh - Selectman

Mrs. Dottie Powers - Town Clerk

Mrs. Donna MacLellan - IT Town Hall

Ms. Jessica Pugliesi - Transition to 22 Specialist for Westwood High School

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**Agenda item**: Old Business – Reports

Since being in the middle of Hurricane season, here are some helpful websites to refer to with respect to preparedness:

Mass Emergency Management Hurricane preparedness

a. https://www.mass.gov/service-details/hurricane-safety-tips

b. https://www.mass.gov/service-details/build-an-emergency-kit

c. http://cdd.unm.edu/dhpd/pdfs/FifthEditionTipsSheet.pdf

Concerns were raised about Handicapped Parking at the Westwood High School. There is only one curb cut from the Parking Lot to the crosswalk across the High School driveway. This requires individuals using the Handicapped Parking spaces to travel a considerable distance from the parking spaces to the school entrance.

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**Agenda item**: Other Business

Abilities Expo is taking place Sept. 21 - 23. Jean and Jette are planning to attend.

MOD Summit Oct. 5. Chuck is planning to attend

MOD Access Monitor Training Oct. 17 - 18. Jean and Mary are planning to attend

Meeting Adjourned 11:30AM.

Next meeting October 12, 2018 location TBD @ 9:15A