

Watertown Commission on Disability

149 Main St. Watertown, MA. 02472

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice-Chair Fred Isaacs.

ROLL CALL- Fred Isaacs, Vice-Chair; Lisa Feltner, Town Councilor; Carol Menton; Jeanne O'Connell; Megan O'Halloran; Gayle Shattuck, Town Personnel Director and ADA Coordinator; and Carol Wilson-Braun. Absent- Kim Charlson, Chair; and John Hawes.

There was no Chair's Report tonight.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES- It was moved, seconded and VOTED unanimously to accept the minutes as corrected from the March meeting. Copies of the minutes may be requested from the Town Clerk's Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT- It was moved, seconded and VOTED unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report for March. Copies of the Treasurer's report may be requested from the town's ADA Coordinator in the Personnel Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

- 1) Plans Review- Gayle said that the Watertown Boys and Girls Club received acceptance of their request with conditions. The ramp didn't meet the requirement for handrails, so they have to submit more info by 5/6 for a meeting on 5/9.
- 2) Closed Captioning- Gayle talked with the auditor and purchasing agent about the contract with Caption First. The chain of command is being finalized and will be sent out. Carol M suggested that the town council agenda have a link for live streaming. It was moved, seconded and VOTED to approve up to \$5000 per fiscal year for remote CART for town council meetings, and if it exceeds \$5000, it will be brought up to the COD for more authority. Fred recommended passing on the sponsorship. Carol M suggested asking area businesses when the system is running smoothly. Megan suggested that healthcare organizations such as Athena would probably want to help. Carol W asked how we can get this started, and Lisa suggested making a recommendation to the town council, and will ask Mark Sideris how to get it going.
- 3) Special Ed - Carol M was present for the end of the awards ceremony. Lisa heard enthusiastic comments.

NEW BUSINESS-

Gayle said that a resident named David Leon sent an email to Kim and John asking to be placed on the agenda to talk about accessibility and universal design of 2 large parcels in E. Watertown. Next month should work out.

Carol W. spoke of attending a meeting gathering community input for a new senior center director and brought up a suggestion for an equipment loan closet. Lisa also attended and said there were many good ideas put forth.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on May 18th at 7 p.m.

These minutes are recorded and respectfully submitted by Carol Wilson-Braun, Secretary.