

Watertown Commission on Disability

149 Main St. Watertown, MA. 02472

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Kim Charlson, Chair.

ROLL CALL- Kim Charlson, Chair; Lisa Feltner, Town Councilor; Jeanne O'Connell; Megan O'Halloran; Elan Rohde; Mohammad (Moh) Sayed; Gayle Shattuck, Town Personnel Director and ADA Coordinator; and Carol Wilson-Braun. Absent- John Hawes and Carol Menton. Guest- Cathy Berkley, Executive Director of Watertown Community Foundation.

GUEST SPEAKER- Cathy Berkley started in January at the WCF. The Foundation was started in '03 with an endowment of \$1M to work with non-profits. They raise money and give out grants 3x/year. Some examples include working with the Watertown School Foundation and giving grants to school based projects and trips, also working with Watertown institutions such as the Boys and Girls Club, Springwell, Sancta Maria, the Unity breakfast, and they host diversity dialogs. They give out health related grants in the fall, participate in Watertown Helps Out Day in May. They have a goal to facilitate more collaboration between Watertown groups, such as history classes for high schoolers that include WWII vets. There was a discussion about how WCOD can partner with them. We will continue to keep collaboration with them in mind.

CHAIR'S REPORT-

- 1) Lisa gave a follow-up report on the Arsenal St project. She went on 2 walks with town and Perkins representatives and Moh from our Commission, on 6/7 and 6/12. She shared observations with town staff with mixed reception. There will be another update next month.
- 2) Kim reported on Riverside and Irving intersection, which had had a bad accident in late May. The town, upon request put in stop signs with bigger letters. Painted crosswalks and lines may be considered.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT- There was low revenue in May. Both parking officers are leaving. The positions are funded by the Treasurer Collector and the Police. Gayle is working on getting new officers. It was moved, seconded and VOTED unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report for May. Copies of the Treasurer's report may be requested from the town's ADA Coordinator in the Personnel Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Special Ed- Elan is waiting for people to announce their candidacy for school committee.
No reports for Plans, Closed Captioning or Safety and Access.

There was no New Business tonight.

The next meeting will take place on July 19th at 7 p.m.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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