



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. the main floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following topics were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mr. Dupont, Ms. Cavanaugh, Ms. Cooney, Ms. Steel, Ms. Delaney

Commissioners Excused: Ms. Frodel

Commissioners Absent: Ms. Dobin

Others in Attendance: ADA Coordinator Ms. Walsh, Interested citizen, Mr. Guerin, Commission Clerk Ms. Tobin

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of February 10, 2020

Mr. Dupont made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

4. Chairman's Report

Mrs. Cavanaugh mentioned that the Spring Dance will be held on Friday evening, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and is a semi formal. It will be the same format, with pizza, cake, soda and water. There was discussion on ordering trays instead of regular round pizzas. Ms. Steel has done this for parties and finds it serves more for less money. Mrs. Cavanaugh will call Giovanni's tomorrow to discuss this. Mr. Dupont mentioned that we should watch what is happening with the corona virus because this is a compromised population and the event might have to be canceled. Ms. Frodel has all of the information on who brings what, which we can review at the April meeting.

5. ADA Coordinator Kathy Walsh's Report

Ms. Walsh reported that she has a couple of angry people regarding door sizes and handicap access. The buildings were built many years ago and met the building requirements of the time. New construction or major renovations to older buildings have to meet today's code. Condominium complex are privately owned units with a homeowner's association and a management company. They would be responsible for improvements, such as handicap accessible doors etc.

Regarding the elevator issues in the Mix Avenue buildings, the building department has looked at it and has forwarded the issue to the State of Connecticut. The Mayor's Office is doing the follow up on this issue.

6. Committee Reports

Ms. Delaney reminded everyone about the Hartford Yard Goats game on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The commission will pay \$10 toward tickets for the disabled attendees and children ages ten to four. Those three and under are free. She asked for a motion to approve this plan. She also mentioned that Probus has promised a donation of \$300 for this purpose. She does not have the check as yet.

**Mr. Delaney made a motion that the commission will pay \$10 toward tickets for the disabled persons attending the Yard Goats Game and also pay \$10 toward tickets from those from ten to four years of age. Children three and under are admitted free. Mr. Dupont seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor.**

7. Old Business

Mr. Dupont is still working with the iaccesslife website with which to rate restaurants, parks and other establishments regarding handicap accessibility. He has sent a note out to Hamden Next Door. He is trying to get the application developer to give him a report as to what is reviewed so far so he can see the progress. He can let four or five Facebook Groups and Patch know about the site. He would like members to think of this when visiting local establishments and write a review. Mr. Dupont also mentioned a letter that the Clean & Green Commission sent out on Town letterhead via email. He would like to write something up and have it sent from the Town Hall.

8. New Business

9. Adjournment

**Ms. Delaney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dupont seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk