



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Informal Notes: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held an informal meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The following topics were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Ms. Delaney, Ms. Cooney, Ms. Frodel  
Commissioners Excused: Mr. Dupont, Ms. Steel  
Commissioners Absent: Mrs. Cavanaugh, Ms. Cavanaugh, Ms. Dobin  
Others in Attendance: ADA Coordinator Ms. Walsh, Commission Clerk Ms. Tobin

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. without a quorum.

2. Review Minutes of March 9, 2020

Tabled to the November 9, 2020 meeting.

3. Correspondence

Ms. Delaney received an email from Sprout stating that they now have the film festival on video. She explained that Sprout is located in New York. We had a film festival about ten years ago. They came out and presented the films for us, then they showed the films at Hamden Middle School. Ms. Delaney is bringing this up because she thinks it is a good idea. She mentioned that the films are presented in a contest at Lincoln Center every year. We had purchased eight films and had them stored at the library. When the new director came on board at the library, she threw them out. Ms. Delaney also mentioned that the principal at the Middle School was astonished at how the students opened up talking about the issues presented and relating them to their personal experiences.

4. Chairman's Report

There was no chairman's report.

5. ADA Coordinator Kathy Walsh's Report

Mr. Walsh had nothing to report. She has received no new complaints. When asked about the parking issues at the Mix Avenue apartments, Ms. Walsh replied that there has been no progress. The Building Department has been cut in half because of retirements and are behind in inspections. Also there are many issues because of the storms. This issue is still on her list.

6. Committee Reports

Ms. Frodel explained how she had prepared the fliers for the dance in March, and once Covid hit she canceled it. She said lots of places are holding virtual concerts. People need access to a computer or phone to access these concerts. A suggestion was made for an online dance party where people would dance to the music of a DJ, but in their own homes. This would be challenging to coordinate but could be fun. Ms. Frodel will talk to Mr. Martino in the Recreation Department and Ms. Delaney will get in touch with Dave Velardi, the DJ. We could plan this for after the Holidays, perhaps in January.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

The Commission's by-laws call for elections of a chair and vice chair in September. We will schedule the elections for the November.

9. Adjournment

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.**

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