

Town of East Haven, CT
American Disability Act Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2014
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Members Present:

Chairman Brian Savo
Commissioner Dave Stevens
Commissioner Michael Tufano
Commissioner Joe Vellali

Members Absent:

Vice-Chair Kerry Martens
Commissioner Dan Hoff

Staff Present:

None

Public Present:

Dan McCann

Chairman Savo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Tufano made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the February 20th meeting and Commissioner Vellali seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Discuss & Take Any Necessary Action on the ADA Breakfast with the Chamber

Now that Vice-Chair Martens will be leaving the commission due to his moving out of town, Chairman Savo asked if we still wanted to move forward with the breakfast planning or put it aside. We still need to set a date, get food and invite people. Commissioner Stevens stated he would take over and get information for the commission and report back to them. He will contact Vice-Chair Martens to see what information he already has and go from there.

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Discuss & Take Any Necessary Action on the Hagaman Library

The commissioners looked at the pictures that were taken by Commissioner Tufano when he visited the space at the library that is being discussed. The room with the stage has 2 entryways with one having 4 stairs inside. Outside has stairs going up. There is no wheelchair access to the backroom. The other meeting room is accessible but has no stage. A ramp would be too steep to go down, so a vertical lift was discussed. The cost is somewhere around \$6,000-\$10,000.00 depending on what was needed. A discussion was held with regard to how often the room was used and if library has funds for a project like this, which Chairman Savo stated yes they do. Chairman Savo stated that he would be getting in touch with the library to get answers regarding how often the room is used and how much the library had to put towards this project and hoped the library people would be forthright with their answers. A discussion was held about the other room that is accessible which doesn't have a stage and could a stage be built in there? Chairman Savo will bring the answers he gets to the next meeting.

Discuss & Take Any Necessary Action on the Senior Center

Chairman Savo explained that the grippy tape was sprayed on the ramps to reduce the chance of falling or slipping on the ramp.

Reorganization

Commissioner Stevens nominated Brian Savo as Chairman. Commissioner Vellali seconded. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Savo nominated Dave Stevens as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Vellali seconded. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Savo nominated Linda LaLuna as Clerk. Commissioner Tufano seconded. It was asked three more times if there were any other nominations. There were none.

MOTION CARRIED

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Other Business

Chairman Savo wanted to set up a special meeting to discuss the Library, the Food Pantry and the Breakfast before the next meeting in May so that they could take action on what was necessary. The commission decided to meet on April 24th to discuss these items. Chairman Savo also stated that Pete Cianelli wanted to come to the meeting tonight but couldn't attend, to discuss the issues at the Food Pantry. It was being looked into a while ago and the architect that was doing the plans passed away, so he wanted to get an update from the commission.

There being no other business to come before the agency, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 by Commissioner Vellali and seconded by Commissioner Tufano. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk