

Town of East Haven CT
AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 16 2009, 7:05 PM, TOWN HALL

Seated from the committee were Norman DeMartino (arrived at 7:17), Michele Dupree, Dan Hoff, Joseph Vellali

Absent was Linda Carlson

Kerry Martens mentioned that in both March and May of this year there were not enough members present to provide a quorum. Therefore, Joseph Vellali moved to accept the January minutes as read.

Announcement - Dan Hoff brought up the fact that this Saturday there will be a non food drive from 9 am to 2 pm at the A&P. As chair he selected this date due to the lack of a quorum.

New business - Michele Dupree discussed the fact that the state holds a disability conference in the fall. Dan Hoff suggested we hold our own conference at the senior center. Michele Dupree questioned if we had a PA system in the senior center and other assistive technology. Dan Hoff believes a PA system is available and use of this technology must be requested. Michele Dupree discussed the need to not break down conference agendas by specific disability but rather to incorporate a large umbrella to provide for all disabilities. Norm DeMartino brought up environment of the conference and the ideal comfort level provided for the attendees and participants. Michele Dupree then brought up needs of the town and the questioned if we really know the needs of the people in this community. Joseph Vellali then discussed possible format of the meeting or conference with regards to food, speakers, informational packets. Norman DeMartino brought up the inclusion in this meeting of educational special needs policies and information which is his background. Michele Dupree discussed the possible need for a sign language interpreter and the possible cost this would incur. She also brought up that possible topics not be diagnosis specific. She also proposed the idea of discussing emergency preparedness. As a committee we discussed possible speakers at a proposed conference. Dan Hoff discussed a possible registry system for the town identifying citizens who would need specific assistance during an emergency. He will contact the state official regarding possible dates for conference. Michele Dupree will call the East Haven Fire Chief regarding a

possible conference. Kerry Martens brought up the possibility of surveying citizens regarding their individual and family needs at the back door of the conference as people arrive and leave. Norman DeMartino moved we have a emergency preparedness conference for people with disabilities during the month of September. Kerry Martens seconded this motion. Roll call was taken and all were in favor.

Michele Dupree announced that New Haven is doing training for employers on changes in the ADA act and possibilities of youth hiring at the Greek Olive on September 23 and November 4 8:30am to 11:30am.

There was no correspondence from the community for review.

Joseph Velalli moved to adjourn. Norman DeMartino seconded this motion. All were in favor and we adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kerry Martens