

Town of East Haven, Ct
American Disability Act Commission
Minutes
January 17, 2013

Chairman Robert Hoff called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. All present recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll call

Members Michael Tufano, Kerry Martens, Robert Hoff and Joseph Vellali were present.

2. Mr. Tufano made a motion to approve the minutes from Sept. 20, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Martens, all were in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Hoff suggested they move item 8 up as a courtesy to Mr. Limoncelli who was in attendance tonight. Mr. Martens stated the agenda needed more definition. Old business should be first and then new business. He stated there was old business from the Sept. minutes he would like an update on. Mr. Hoff stated that the lead on Ms. Nadeau doing a conference was cold. Mr. Vellali stated that the old business could be ironed out after Mr. Limoncelli spoke.

8. Mr. Limoncelli from the East Haven Chamber/Economic Development Committee was present. He appreciated the opportunity to speak to the committee and introduced himself to the members present. The committee is interested in hosting a breakfast for local business on the advantages of hiring people with disabilities. Mr. Limoncelli asked what the committees time frame, budget and goals were. He stated that the Chamber/EDC could act as a communicant. They can do an email blast to about 300 members to help with advertisement. The goal of the committee was to educate business on the tax advantages of hiring disabled workers. There was discussion on Mr. Michael Riolino being a possible speaker. Mr. Hoff will contact him. Mr. Limocelli asked Mr. Hoff to let him know when he had been contacted. He also noted that the committee

needs a catchy message to advertise this breakfast. Patch and the Courier were good venues to get out the message. Mr. Hoff will contact the finance office regarding a budget for this endeavor. More info will be sent to members via email regarding updates.

3. Mr. Vellali will contact the new Police Chief regarding the possibility of using constables to patrol the handicapped spaces violators.
4. There was discussion of whose responsibility it was to have the curb cuts shoveled out after snow storms. It is very dangerous for a disabled person to have to climb over the snow at the end of the sidewalks. Mr. Hoff will contact Mr. Parente, Director of Public Works.
5. There was discussion on the possibility of Mr. Hoff hosting a March conference on Neurological Conditions/Autism/Epilepsy. Mr. Martens noted that this shouldn't be on the agenda unless it was a committee sponsored conference. He didn't want this to turn into something political. Mr. Vellali made a motion to have the Committee sponsor this conference, pending the budget. Seconded by Mr. Martens, all were in favor. Motion carries.
6. Ms Criscuolo was not present tonight to give a report.
7. Mr. Desorbo was not in attendance tonight to give a report.
9. There was discussion on opening up conversation with East Haven Counseling Services.
10. There was no public in attendance tonight. It was suggested, that in the future, this item be moved up in the agenda.

There being no further business, Mr. Vellali made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Tufano, all were in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Vineyard, Clerk