

Town of East Haven, CT  
American Disability Act Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2017  
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**Members Present:**

Vice-Chair Jan Cianelli  
Commissioner Joe Vellali  
Commissioner Rick Famiglietti (phone)  
Commissioner Wendy Bellmore  
ADA Coordinator Candace Criscuolo

**Staff Present:**

Sal Brancati, Director

**Members Absent:**

Chairman Brian Savo

Vice-Chair Cianelli called the meeting to order at 7:10P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Bellmore made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Vellali seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and no one abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business**

Director Brancati gave the commission and update regarding the waiving of building permit fees for handicapped persons. They must be performing work that is handicapped accessible. For example, a ramp, widening doorways, bathrooms, lifts, etc. The resolution will go to the Town Council to be approved when the wording is finalized. Commissioner Famiglietti asked about variances with regards to ramps if the setback on the property isn't enough. Sal informed him that there are hardship cases especially with something like this that would not get denied.

**New Business**

A discussion was held in regard to the Police Department and what sensitivity training they have for mentally disabled residents. Director Brancati stated he would talk to the Chief and ask about that or possibly the Police Commission and find out what their current requirements are with regard to that and what policies are in place and if not what they need to do.

Commissioner Bellmore asked would a complaint come to this commission or to the Police Department if someone didn't agree with what the police had done or how they handled a situation with a mentally challenged person. She also if they have cross disability training.

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Other Business

The next meeting will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00.

There being no other business to come before the agency, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. by Commissioner Vellali and seconded by Commissioner Bellmore. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda S. LaLuna*

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