



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Minutes: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the *Main Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center*. The following issues were discussed:**

Commissioners in Attendance: Dr. Barry, Mr. Dupont, Ms. McConville, Ms. Carpinella, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Cavanaugh, Ms. Dobin

Commissioners Excused: Ms. Delaney

Others in Attendance: Ms. Cavanaugh, ADA Coordinator Mr. Marchand, Commission Clerk Ms. Tobin

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Barry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Review Minutes of May 9, 2016**

**Mr. Dupont made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

**3. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Dr. Barry had no report.

**5. ADA Coordinator Chris Marchand's Report**

Mr. Marchand reported that with CDBG grant funds he is working on ADA compliant pads at all corners of Goodrich and Shepard Street and Dixwell and Newton Streets. As part of the Streetscape project from Arch Street south to the New Haven Line, 12 ADA mats are also being installed. The project is a major face lift along that portion of Dixwell Avenue and includes stamped concrete sidewalks and tree planting.

Mr. Marchand also reported that he made several attempts to contact the Veteran/Student about his attempt to rent a unit at Town Walk Apartments. He has not heard back from this individual.

**6.** Committee Reports

**7.** Old Business

**8.** New Business

Ms. Dobin has spoken with the owner of Best Video about holding a Sprout Film Festival at his facility in the fall. He thought it was a great idea. There was discussion on whether to purchase or rent the films, and commissioners felt that renting was the better option. This event should be published in the local newspapers including the online paper. October is Disability Awareness Month. Ms. Dobin and Ms. Carpinella are working on this event. It was also suggested that the commission walk in the Columbus Day Parade.

There was discussion on holding the fall dance at the end of October. Ms. Dobin said she would like to see some games or crafts at the tables for those who don't dance. There was also discussion on requesting the deejay to lower the music.

For planning purposes, the Columbus Day Parade will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> and we will try to schedule the dance for October 29<sup>th</sup> and the Sprout Film Festival earlier in the month.

There was discussion on the new apartments going up on Sanford Street and affordable housing.

**9.** Adjournment

**Mr. Dwyer made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.**

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

FYI

At the Economic Development meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Tobin asked about the new apartments on Sanford Street. There are 35 units, all affordable housing. New Reach Development is building these units, and some are reserved for formerly homeless veterans and others, and others for disabled tenants.