

Westport Commission on People with Disabilities
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday Feb.17 2022 - 9:00am
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Chairman - Jim Ross, Marina Derman, Tom Holleman, Stacie Curran, Doug Rivkin, Joe Anastasi, Absent - Diane Johnson,
From Human Services: Elaine Daignault, Kaila Morgan, Sue Pfister
Guest Speaker: Ken Regan
Guests: Tracy Flood, Katie Banzhaff (STAR), Sharuna Mahesh, Shelby Bratch, Harris Falk, Carol Martin, and Mark Minnock,

9:08am call to order

Jim R - Vote of Minutes Joe 1st, Tom 2nd - All in Favor

Elaine D. - Discussion & Introduction - American Rescue Plan Act Funds - to assist affordable housing - Guest Speaker:

Regan Development Corp, Ken Regan - Improves Developments through Affordable Housing. (has developments in CT, NY, NJ)

Assists Adults with disabilities - Intellectual and developmental disabilities

* Video presentation & PowerPoint presentation* (Elaine has access if needed)

* 75% of developments are affordable housing, remaining 25% other supported living, *

* Integrated living thru planning & partnerships

* Many Smart Home features/Smart Home technology (climate control, motion sensors, stove safety features, call access for assistance)

* Community Integration

State is presently doing some of these developments as test cases - measuring success & cost savings to State - State saves AND gives individuals their independence
Incorporates varied levels of disability - doing away with institutionalized settings

Ken shared examples they have done: Favah & Lavender Fields, discussed how they meet with parent groups, offer social activities at their developments where all members are integrated, crafts, the arts, music, etc.,

Discussions/ Questions - The West Parish & Post Road East corner & DOT sale of some acreage. Next steps - or If ANYONE knows of another feasible location, they like the area of Westport & its offerings.

E4E:

March 1st is still kick off date, one-pager has been edited again, Kaila working on logos, and edits.

Joe A - reviewed document - Business or individual can Click or Call.

Elaine D - allowed us to take a look at a site / work in progress - coming along.

Set WORK SESSION for 2/24/22 at NOON - please note new time

Jim R. - Adjourn meeting 10:28 Joe -1st, Stacie -2nd - All favor