

Westport Commission on People with Disabilities
Minutes of Meeting - EXECUTIVE SESSION
Thursday October 20th 2022 - 8:30am
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Jim Ross, Stacie Curran, Diane Johnson, Doug Rivkin, Joe Anastasi & Tom Holleman

Excused - Marina Derman

Elaine Daignault & Kaila Morgan- Human Services

Call Meeting into Exec Session - E4E

Please look/get on Google spreadsheet - take a few businesses

Discussion What we should be doing next.

Friday Oct.28th - 10am - There will be a Proclamation from the Governor's Office (Sal was able to get) read at the Senior Center - In Recognition of October as Employment Disability month.

Elaine D. has a student that can help us begin making a film (Charlie Scott - small stipend & Resume builder)

ACTION - Every CPD member take 5 off the list and contact those businesses by end of month - get name, contact info, and next steps re: E4E. - End Goal - A Job Post.

Elaine & Stacie - Also another push for DMA to Post (Ask Selectwoman's office to help if need be)

Motion - Close Exec. Meeting - Adjourned 9:00am

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From Human Services: Elaine Daignault, Kaila Morgan,

Senior Services: Holly Betts

Guests Identified: Sal Liccione, Harris Falk, Pippa Bell Ader

Guest Speaker: Rachel Keesler - CTFSN (CT Family Support Network)

Minutes: Jim Ross - Motion to approve Sept.2022 -1st, Diane, 2nd Tom , All in favor

Human Services - Elaine D: - Brief Summary -want time for Guest Speaker:

CTFSN - Rachel Keesler - Connecticut Family Support Network is set up by Region: It's a Statewide Resource for Parents & Families of Children & Adults with Disabilities and special health care needs throughout their lifespan. We are SW region.

They help families find resources & supports & professionals
State broken down by region - work w/schools, state agencies, medical homes, etc.
Q to the public - Harris Falk & Doug Rivkin
Jim R - comment - appreciates it brings families/issues together across the State.

Elaine D:

Announcement - National Employment Disability Month - Oct.28th event at Senior Center 10am - Proclamation will be shared - put it on calendar and we will receive invite soon.

No one applied for the job posting to help with Employment / Library Job Post.

Spread the word to other who need - apply early for energy assistance

Jim R - Sums up our 8:30 pre-meeting, E4E

Getting info posted to Downtown sites, and each Commission member to take 5 businesses - contact them by the end of the month.

Joe A- Don't be afraid to ask for Job Posting - we can help, maybe find an accommodation, call to action, job coach, etc., Let's make matrix posting # of Jobs

CLUB203:

Amazing 2nd event - at Remarkable Theater - 100 participants and parents stayed to mix/mingle - saw some name and number exchanging, all said they had a great time!
Next Nov. 19th Toquet Hall - gaming night.

Farmers Market - Looking onto making in more accessible

The Long-Term Downtown plan survey has not closed yet - Speak up, take survey

See Interview Dan Woog Podcast - with Sharuna Mahesh & Stacie Curran

Discussion around voter access and a reminder to get out and vote

Motion to adjourn - Joe 1st, Diane -2nd - All in favor 9 10:20am)