

Westport Commission on People with Disabilities
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday January 19th, 2023 - 9:00am
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Chairman - Jim Ross, Stacie Curran, Joe Anastasi, Diane Johnson, Doug Rivkin, Tom Holleman.

From Human Services: Elaine Daignault

Guests Identified: Sal Liccione, Harris Falk, Tom Tarrant

Call to order - Motion to approve October 2022 minutes - Tom-1st, Diane 2nd - All favor.

Human Services Update - Elaine D.

Busy with \$ assistance, heat & Electric bills

Budget Season - HS - looking for 4%

Sue Pfister retired - new Wendy Petty - comes from Weston Senior Services.

Holly Betts - Interim position until Wendy begins, Jason - moved up to program specialist.

(Tonight - Sue's send-off party - Longshore)

Hiring fulltime social worker for HS- process is rough, the pay rate is part of problem.

Need Masters in Social work, Town can assist with licensure - need right person.

Marina D - formally off CPD - Tom H., - on board until July. (flexible to CPD need)

Housing:

The new Hamlet - mixed use buildings, approved by RTM - will be 9 affordable, off site units

Suzie's House - doing renovations

West Parish project - still in the works, Waiting on Dept of housing- RFP - would have approx. 15 units affordable.

Hiawatha Lane Project - moving forward, started demolition - will have approx. 30 units affordable.

Affordable Housing - accessible for anyone who fits financial profile, all ages, stages,-
DISCUSSION -

Elaine D- will invite housing speaker to come to a meeting, include one from P& Z, and the State of CT - we need some clarification.

Lori - From Farmer's Market - to come speak February - accessibility/improvements

Diane J. has someone who will come speak on lived experience.

Going forward - shall we divide categories?

DISCUSSION;

Stacie - Recreation

Joe - Employment

Jim - Transportation

Diane - Housing

Doug - (recovering from surgery)

* (Stacie has to leave 10am - remainder notes)