

# Town of Yarmouth Disability Commission

Hybrid/Town Hall

March 9, 2023

## MINUTES

### OPEN MEETING

Gail Charette, Chair opened the meeting at 3:00pm. The MA General Laws were read followed by the Member and Staff roll call.

Present in Person: Chair Gail Charette, Jean Boyle, Vice Chair, Mary Vilbon, Jessica Simmons

Present on Zoom: Evelyn Beal

Absent: Drew Krauss, Clerk

Staff present in person: Sarah O'Reilly, Director of Human Resources

Minutes: Evelyn Beal made a motion to accept the January minutes, seconded by Jean Boyle. A roll call vote was taken and the minutes were approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Comments from Chair: The Chair made comments recognizing the contributions of current and former members of the Disability Commission.

### NEW BUSINESS:

There was a brief discussion of how to work with retail stores to encourage them to make their aisle spaces more accessible.

### TRACKER UPDATES:

21-04 Transitions Center sidewalk – Mary reported that she met with the DOT and a crosswalk is scheduled to go in before Memorial day next to Angus Way to cross Route 28. She also reported that an easement is needed of about one foot to allow five feet for a sidewalk.

22-02 Disability Law Center presentation – closed

22-06 Ongoing cases were discussed relating to sidewalks and parking compliance at a restaurant on Route 28

22-09 Mobi Chairs/Mats – Gail will get an update from Recreation

23-01 Case relating to access was discussed relating to access to a medical facility in Yarmouth Port. Sarah will discuss a letter from the Disability Commission or Town regarding this issue with the Town Administrator.

#### Disability Awareness

There was discussion to brainstorm ideas for a Disability Awareness event. October is the Official National Disability Employment Awareness month. Members are asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

#### Membership Drive

Gail presented poster suggestion. Mary and Gail will work together on a draft poster.

Mary Vilbon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica Simmons. All members voted in the affirmative by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah O'Reilly

*Gail Z. Chant*  
*May 11, 2023*