

Town of Islip Disability Advisory Board

Meeting #2 – November 14, 2018, 401 Main Street (Town Hall West)

Chair: Jim O'Connor

Vice Chair: Carol Charchalis

Legislative Aide: Dawn Marie Kuhn

Meeting convened: 1:10 p.m.

1. Attendance – Sign in

- **Members present:** Jim O'Connor, Carol Charchalis, Rosemary Claus, Leo DeBobes, Devin Fernandez, Bea Huste-Pederson, Douglas King, Dawn Marie Kuhn, Geraldine Lettieri, Robin Mayr, Nancy O'Donnell, Gary Pristera, Lisa Gatti
- **Absent** – Euridice Busweiller, Ray Samson, Denise Sheridan

2. Minutes from September 28, 2018 meeting:

- a. Motion to approve: Douglas King. Second: Lisa Gatti. Motion approved

3. Mission Statement: the committee recommends the following statement:

The mission of the Town of Islip Disability Advisory Board is to serve as a resource to the Islip community, addressing accessibility, equal rights, removing barriers and promoting opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The Board will also attempt to define and implement goals for improved quality of life for individuals with disabilities in the Town of Islip.

4. Reviewed proposed By Laws – Not Ready for vote on implementation

5. NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant - Central Islip (Suffolk Avenue to Smith Street): On Monday, 11/19, there will be a public meeting at Central Islip HS about this effort. Islip received \$10 million for this project. The meeting will be our opportunity to voice support for the disabled community, and to be sure that the streetscape improvements include consideration of accommodating persons with disabilities. Board Chair will attend.

6. New Business

- a. Group homes as neighbors, impact on property values, town regulations, community support. Possibly invite representatives from Town Buildings Dept. to a future meeting
- b. Bea asked for a master list of Board Members with a short blurb as to their experience/background.
- c. Discussed ways to share Board Members' backgrounds, organizations that we are involved with, services that are available, etc.

7. Old Business

8. Schedule Next Meeting – Date/Time/Place

February 5, 2019; 7 pm; Location TBD. Possible options East Islip Library or Islip Library

Announcements/Handouts shared:

- a) NY State is hosting public sessions to discuss **accessible ride sharing services** for individuals with disabilities. The Long Island session will be held on December 18th, 10AM to 1PM in Greenlawn. For details, go to: <https://dmv.ny.gov/press-release/press-release-11-13-2018> To register, go to: <https://a.flexbooker.com/widget/2cdf9ef-c16f-47d1-887f-152c276de836>
- b) The document "A Beginner's Guide to Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) as an Accommodation" was submitted for inclusion with the minutes. The document can also be found at: <https://askjan.org/articles/A-Beginners-Guide-to-Augmentative-and-Alternative-Communication-AAC-as-an-Accommodation.cfm>

Action Items:

- a) Chair will reach out to Town Supervisor and show the Board approved Mission Statement.
- b) **Bylaws Committee** - Members will review items discussed and present second draft to Board for the next meeting.

- c) Each Board member will review the Nondiscriminatory Policy, below, and provide suggested edits to the Bylaws Committee (Leo DeBobes, Devin Fernandez, Douglas King, Jim O'Connor)
 - a. The Town of Islip Americans with Disabilities Advisory Board admits individuals of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges accorded or made available to all individuals.

- d) Each Board Member is requested to write a short description about their background/experience as it relates to the mission of this Board. Send to Nancy O'Donnell for inclusion in a master document.

Meeting adjourned: 2:35 pm