

**Town of Islip Disability Advisory Board**

Meeting #4 -May 1, 2019, 401 Main Street (Town Hall West)

Chair: Jim O'Connor

Vice Chair: Carol Charchalis

Legislative Aide: Mike Falk

**Meeting convened 11:10 am**

**1. Attendance-Sign in**

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

**Introduction of Guests:**

- Mike Falk – attending in Dawn Marie Kuhn's absence
- Ron Meyer, Commissioner of Planning and Development
- John Perniciaro, Chief Building Inspector
- Chris Poelker, Town Engineer

**2. Minutes from 11/14/18 and 3/11/19 meeting:**

- Tabled - the meeting did not have a quorum.

**3. Mission Statement: Second draft with corrections**

- Amended/Corrected Mission Statement approved.

**4. BY Laws: Second Draft**

- Unable to adopt since the meeting did not have a quorum

**5. Updates from Board Members on Upcoming or Past Events**

**Third Eye Insight Talent Show:** Devin Fernandez

- June 7<sup>th</sup>, West Islip Fire Department, Union Blvd.
- Will support programs for the blind

**Pal-O-Mine:** Lisa Gatti

- June 7<sup>th</sup> – A Day at the Races, Belmont Park, 6 pm – 12 pm
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Golf Fundraiser, Southward Ho Golf Club

**Molloy College Institutional Review Board (IRB):** Nancy O'Donnell

Molloy is seeking to add IRB members who are subject matter experts in autism. This is a volunteer position that reviews research proposals submitted by faculty and students.

Training is provided. Meetings are at least 4x/year. Participation can be on campus (Rockville Centre) or via conference call. Contact Nancy O'Donnell for more information

## **6. Guest Speakers - Town of Islip Planning Commissioner, Engineering Department Manager, Building Department Chief Building Inspector**

Described rules and regulations as they apply to the ADA and how the town enforces rules and Codes for people with disabilities; the process for reviewing applications for new construction or modification; templates for assuring accessibility (parking, signage, ramps, routes, pools, bathrooms, turning radius for wheelchairs, height of water fountains, hardware on doors, etc.) Properties may be inspected many times over the course of a project.

A shared house with 8 beds or less is considered a family, not a group home. The Town of Islip will receive notice from a non-profit that is purchasing a single family home and will check the safety, structure and permits. NY state law allows group homes to be purchased and occupied without community notice. The only way that a community may “reject” a home is if it is determined that the proposed area is oversaturated and would cause an excessive drain on the local community services such as police, ambulance and fire.

- The town is working on making all Town Parks and Playgrounds are handicapped accessible.
- All streetscape improvements associated with Central Islip NYS DRI grant will be ADA compliant.

## **7. Speakers at Future Board Meetings**

**8. Discussion Item:** Meeting schedule for rest of the year: In an attempt to be inclusive, we have staggered meeting times. The November and May meetings did not have a quorum. Suggest setting the meeting schedule ahead of time so that people can arrange their schedules, having all meetings at a set time. Meetings must be SCAT accessible.

**9. Next Meeting Date and Time:** July 10, 2019 @ 3:30 pm at 401 Main Street, Town Hall West

## **11. Old Business**

Recreational News (Carol): ½ page announcement on page 63 in current issue about the Town of Islip Disability Advisory Board

**12: New Business:** Discuss ongoing Redevelopment of Town of Islip website – be sure Disability Advisory Board listed prominently on the town website.

**Meeting adjourned 12:10 pm**