

May 10, 2023 Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Commission Members:	Bill Tolos, Chair	Present
	Barbara Slattery, Vice Chair	Present
	Marshal Haneisen, Secretary	Present
	Dan Cunningham	Absent
	Doris Matte	Present
	Carolyn Quirk	Present
	Tiffany Wells	Present
	Camila Arsenault	Present
	Amy LeBlanc	Present

Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of April minutes. Passed – All in favor.
2. Announcements. Camila Arsenault and Amy LeBlanc are not members of the commission. Camila requested that her name be added to the Disability Commission website.
3. Open forum.
 - a. NewVue would like the Disability Commission to visit the Fairmount Street apartment project. Prospective tenants are now touring the property and the parking lot is finished. Bill, Carolyn, and Tiffany will plan to tour.
 - b. The Commission discussed multiple reports of parents stating that their children with disabilities are experiencing many problems with the transportation that is supposed to get the children to and from school. The commission agreed to invite representatives from the transportation company and school department to the next Disability Commission meeting to discuss the matter.
 - c. The Commission voted all in favor for the printing of a box of envelopes with the Disability Commission return address.
4. Accessible Art Project. Carolyn reported that the art program is going well. She said they are hosting 5-6 classes per month. In September, studio tours will begin. She is setting up a student work display in her studio. Marci and Carolyn will take photos of some of the artwork for the website.
5. Update - Cinema World sensory-friendly movie, May 20, 2023.

The Disability Commission Chair received the check for the payment of the event. Camilla will contact the Special Education Director to report that approximately 100 more tickets are available. Camilla, Bill, and Carolyn would attend the movie and hand out commission brochures.

6. Old Business:

- a. New business cards for commissioners. The commission discussed business cards. The commission voted on the printing of 500 generic business cards. Passed – All in favor. The Commission also voted to print business cards for the chairman. Passed – All in favor.
- b. Print additional Commission brochures. See Open Forum item c above.
- c. 30-year Commission anniversary. The celebration may be a collaborative event with the Leominster Disability Commission.
- d. Crosswalk at Old Deerfield Rd. – The project has not begun yet. A Blind Pedestrian sign has not yet been installed.
- e. Tabled - Anwelt building parking.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 11:02 a.m.