

Northampton Disability Commission
Hearing Room
210 Main Street, Northampton 01060
Tuesday February 11, 2020

Gene Page, Chair
 Marianne LaBarge, Vice Chair
 Emma Cornwell, member
 Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, member
 Linda Kakos, member
 Marilyn Clare, member
 Rodney Kunath, member
 Michael Morton, member
Staff: Wayne Feiden

Public Comments: None

Approval of January 28, 2020 minutes:

Gene Page moved and Marianne LaBarge seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Recommendation on purchase of an Assisted Listening System. The Disability Commission discussed the need for an Assisted Listening System for the Hearing Room and potentially other public meeting spaces. Upon motion by Marianne LaBarge and second by Gene Page, the Commission voted unanimously to spend \$1,708 (estimated amount with the final to be adjusted based on costs) from the Disabilities revolving fund towards the purchase.

Focus group on the Community Development Consolidated Plan. The commission reviewed future community development needs for populations with disabilities. Members suggested:

1. Sidewalk improvements on Florence Road from Florence Heights to the Mill River
2. Main Street sidewalk and curb cut ramps
3. Main Street, Florence sidewalk and curb cut ramps
4. King Street sidewalks and snow clearance
5. Pleasant Street sidewalks
6. Conz Street sidewalks.

Updates on projects: The Commission discussed with Wayne Feiden current projects to improve accessibility, the Picture Main Street redesign (and the pending survey), plans for the City's Community Development Planner to become ADA Coordinator and staff the committee, the current CDBG-funded wheelchair curb cut ramp project, and the final updates to the ADA Transition Plan.

Adjournment at 5:15 PM.