

April 10th, 2019 Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting
Located at the Garden Room, Fitchburg Public Library @2:00pm.
Commission Members:

Bill Tolos	Chair	Present
Mary Ann Guichard	Absent	
Sharon Tardiff		Present
Deanna Tardiff		Present
Carolyn Quirk		Present
Nick Carbone		Present
Doris Matte		Present

Amy Leblanc attended as a Friend of the Disability Commission.

Item 1: Reading of Minutes: Meeting commenced at 2:00pm.
Minutes from the March meeting were voted on and accepted.

Item 2: Announcements/Notices/Events:

This month is Amputee Awareness and Autism Awareness Event, Light it up Blue.

Item 3: Open Forum:

Item 4: Guest Speaker: Lt. Richard Liberatore, Fitchburg Emergency Management

The Fitchburg Emergency Management: Plans for emergencies and disasters using an all-hazards approach, including establishing and maintaining networks of expert advisors and damage assessors for all hazards. Operate effectively in emergency situations. Conduct effective recovery operations after a disaster.

Lt. Richard Liberatore, Director of Fitchburg Emergency Management gave a very informative speech, provided input and broke down his duties and services that he has in place for the City of Fitchburg, discussed what services are available for people of all abilities, with the Fitchburg Disability Commissioners. The commissioners thanked him for his time.

Item 5: CDBG Accessible Cogshall Park Gazebo Project: tabled for now.

Item 6: Variance/Ramp re: 619 South Street, Bill will call the owner and see if there are any questions.

Item 7: Old Business:

- Curb cuts - library sidewalk cut too steep, meet with DPW to see if they can switch out the curb cut to the end where the driveway meets.
- New members - discussed voting on roles, and for 4 more individuals to join.

Item 7: New Business:

- Host a Show on FATV: Doris is preparing guests/interviews for the show.
- International Wheelchair Day – plan for next March.
- Voted to purchase placard for donated water accessible wheelchair.
- Sharon spoke about the upcoming Block party and 4th of July parade.

Item 8: Motion to adjourn, the meeting ended at 3:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on May 8th, at the Garden Room, Fitchburg Public Library, at 2:00pm.