

Town of Cromwell
Committee to Support People with Disabilities
Special Meeting, January 8, 2019
7:00 p.m. Town Hall Activities Room
Minutes

ATTENDANCE- Meagan Ribera, Lucuille Wrzos, Heidi Neumann-Venetianer, John Flanders, Linda Demetriades, James Demetriades (Town Council Liason)

ABSENT- Jeannine Marron, Laurie Cantwell

A. CALL TO ORDER- Meagan motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:05 pm Lucuille seconded; no abstentions or opposed. Meeting called to order.

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs Neumann-Venetianer moved to approve the agenda; Mrs Wrzos seconded; no abstentions or opposed. Agenda approved.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Wrzos moved to approve the minutes. Mrs Ribera approved. No abstentions or opposed. Minutes approved.

E. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Guest speakers Samantha Slade (Deputy Director of Development) and Adya Plourde (Program Director) from Best Buddies Connecticut spoke to the committee about the possibility of bringing the Best Buddies program to Cromwell. The program has several chapters which range from Elementary School through College. There is also a program that caters to non-school aged citizens. The organization is dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We as a committee and as parents would like to see this program implemented.
- b. John Flanders will research with the Town Clerk to find if bylaws for this committee already exists.
- c. Meagan Ribera will look into further information about SibShops and bring it back to us in February.
- d. We have a budget of \$1000. We have until March 20, 2019 to let the town know if we want funding for programs that we intend to head. We would like to create a mini grant program but we need clarification as to what the town policy is for recreational disability reimbursement for youths with disabilities. Mr. Flanders made a motion to request that Mr. Demetriades asks the town council what the policy is and where it can be found. Mrs. Ribera seconded the motion.

G. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Our suggestions to make changes to the town ordinances about service dogs will be brought up for discussion and approval at the next Town Council meeting.

H. ADJOURN

Mrs. Ribera made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Mrs Wrzos seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Meetings scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted (*)

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 9*

August 6

September 10*

October 1

November 12*

December 3