

Town of Cromwell  
Committee to Support People with Disabilities  
Regular Meeting February 5, 2019  
7:00 p.m. Town Hall Activities Room  
Minutes

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Feb 13, 2019 01:24P  
JOAN AHLQUIST  
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CROMWELL, CT

ATTENDANCE- Meagan Ribera, Lucille Wrzos (via phone), Heidi Neumann-Venetianer, John Flanders, Jeannine Marron

ABSENT- Laurie Cantwell, Linda Demetriades, James Demetriades (Town Council Liason)

**A. CALL TO ORDER-** Meagan motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:05 pm **ROLL CALL**

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr Flanders moved to approve the agenda; Ms Marron seconded; Mrs Wrzos abstained. Agenda approved.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Ribera moved to approve the minutes. Mr Flanders seconded. Mrs Wrzos and Ms Marron abstained. Minutes approved.

**D. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Writing of bylaws for the Committee and Budget workshop- As of 02/05/2109, Cromwell has no bylaws. Wethersfield's WAC committee was contacted by Mrs. Ribera. We are looking to create something similar to their model in which they are connected with the Board of Education, Therapeutic Recreation, Human Services, Youth Services, Parks and Rec, and the Town. A meeting needs to be set up with Cromwell Town Manager Tony Salvatore to discuss how our budget should be created. We would like to be able to assist families looking to cover costs for programming, services, equipment upgrade, and support accommodations required under ADA for recreational and town programs. We also need to find out more information about receiving donations and fundraising (Should there be a special needs fund as opposed to funds coming from CSPD; should this be a line item?)
- b. Cromwell Police Department responding to needs of special needs community in Cromwell- Mrs. Marron met with Officer Jason Talton to discuss various programs. Some of the suggestions we had were to find a visual format of the DARE program; Setting up a mock 911 for children with disabilities to practice how to respond in case of emergency; meet and greet tour and role play with officers to reduce fear and anxiety; and work together with law enforcement to discuss training on how to communicate with citizens with autism.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Spread the Word Campaign- on hold
- b. Facebook Page is now active- Username: CromwellCSPD. It is a Community page,
- c. Town Council discussion about rewording the town language of 'service' dogs and their license renewal fee- on hold

#### **H. ADJOURN**

Mrs. Ribera made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Mrs Neumann-Venetianer seconded.  
Meeting was adjourned.

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

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 9\*

August 6

September 10\*

October 1

November 12\*

December 3

Respectfully Submitted:

Heidi Neumann-Venetianer