

Town of Cromwell

COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Minutes**

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ribera motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., Mrs. Wrzos seconded; no abstentions or opposed. Meeting called to order.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Meagan Ribera, Lucuille Wrzos, Laurie Cantwell, Jeremy Zeedyk, Linda Demetriades, Jennifer Donohue (Town Council Liaison), James Demetriades (Town Council Liaison)

ABSENT: John Flanders, Heidi Neumann-Venetianer, Jeannine Marron

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Wrzos motioned to approve the agenda; Mrs. Cantwell seconded; no abstentions or opposed. Agenda approved.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Cantwell makes a motion to table the approval of the January minutes and Mrs. Wrzos seconded.

Mrs. Ribera discusses that it is near impossible to approve the minutes from the previous meeting when they are submitted the night of the following month's meeting. She spoke with Re Matus to discuss if there is protocol we should be following in this regard. It was explained by Ms. Matus that the Committee minutes need to be submitted to the Town within 48 hours of the meeting. If at the following month's meeting there are motions made to make changes and corrections concerning the minutes, they get amended and then resubmitted to the town. Ms. Matus also gave Mrs. Ribera the contact information for the new person, April Armetta at townclerkpost@cromwellct.com for the minutes and agendas to get sent. April will happily print out and mail paper copies of both the minutes and agendas to each committee member a week prior to the monthly meeting.

E. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Although there are no citizens physically present, one was planning on attending and was unfortunately diagnosed with the flu and was unable to be here. Mrs. Ribera gave a brief summary of her concerns on her behalf, and with her approval, in hopes of starting the discussion regarding the concerns she has. It seems that she has a daughter who is currently receiving Birth to 3 services and is about to age out at the end of February. The child has severe special healthcare needs but doesn't qualify to get into the Cromwell preschool program at E.C.S. due to her scoring on cognitive assessments. Clearly she feels that there is a shortcoming in the transition into the Special Education Preschool and is hoping that as a committee we can help her and her daughter.

The Committee discusses that we will research the situation further, get exact details, look into the problem at the town levels and the state level. We will also reach out to Christie Carpino and Matt Lesser to see if they can be of any help.

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Ribera and Chief of Police Denise Lamontagne have, unfortunately, not been able to connect or meet regarding the ideas discussed throughout the January Committee meeting. Mrs. Ribera will follow-up with her and hopefully set up a time to get together.

H. ADJOURN

Before the meeting concluded, Mrs. Wrzos made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss two more matters; Mr. Zeedyk seconded; all in favor and motion approved.

1. Mrs. Ribera shared with the group the email received by her from Ms. Matus about the Special Town Meeting happening on February 12, 2020 at 6:45 in the Cromwell Town Hall in the Council Chambers to reduce the size of the Committee to Support People with Disabilities to five (5) regular members and two (2) alternates. All are welcome to attend.
2. It was also discussed that with the upcoming Town meetings, it would be a good idea for our Committee to submit a letter recommending that the line item for the Disability Recreational budget be reinstated and added to the Town budget. Mr. Zeedyk made a motion to recommend that the Chairwomen write the letter to the Town Council; Mrs. Cantwell seconded; motion approved.

Mrs. Cantwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; Mrs. Wrzos seconded; all in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

*Minutes submitted by Meagan Ribera on 2/6/2020