

Farmington Human Relations Commission
Minutes
March 27, 2019

Commission Members Present: Ruth Grobe, Zalman Nakhimovsky, Lisa Pawlik, Deirdra Ierardi and Jay Tulin.

Town of Farmington: Nancy Parent (Community & Recreational Services), Beth Kintner (Town Council Liaison) Zack Martin (Police Dept)

Ruth Grobe called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Minutes: *Upon motion duly made by Deirdra Ierardi and seconded by Lisa Pawlik the minutes of the November 28, 2018 accepted as presented.*

Update from Police Department

No report

Update from Department of Community & Recreational Services

Nancy Parent informed the Commission of Community & Recreation activities including: the new initiatives for education regarding opioid and vaping, the brain fitness classes at senior center, and the AARP grant that includes funds for bike racks, sound system at senior center and automatic door opener for bathroom.

Update from Town Council

Beth Kintner shared information on the budget process, upcoming issues with the council and budget dates. Kintner gave info on the bid for the bus company, the questions on the ballot; including: fire truck and school safety initiatives. Kintner shared updated information on school process and the committees.

Event on Accessibility

Ruth Grobe shared the options for an event on accessibility. The committee discussed waiting on next year to see the direction of Economic Development Breakfast Meetings or to develop on for ourselves. The committee discussed: timing of event and then topics: including hiring persons with disabilities, legal issues and physical barriers and/or updates for businesses to be more accessible. A Fall event was discussed. Details to be determined during the May meeting.

Community Conversations

Commission had a discussion on topics for HRC and ways of impacting the community. Discussion then focused on HRC and outlining both short- and long-term goals as well as a succession plan for leadership roles. After debate the commission decided to focus the September meeting to a goal and strategic planning process.

Accessibility Issues/FHS

Ruth Grobe announced the Jay Tulin is our representative on the FHS committee with regards to accessibility issues.

Update on CC=A activities

An update was given to commissioners, including: advocacy at Village Center meetings and the public meetings.

Upon motion duly made by Dierdra Ierardi and seconded by Jay Tulin the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Parent, Secretary