

**Westport Commission on Disabilities**  
**Meeting of Nov. 26, 2018**

Present: Brian Gallagher, Stanley Cornwall, Raymond Phenix, Martin Costa; consultant Jeff Bull.  
Absent: Anders Newcomer, Kim Legendre, Rose Rego.

1. Call to Order: The meeting at the Town Hall Annex was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Chairman Gallagher with the above members present.
  2. Remote Participation: No requests received.
  3. Minutes: The minutes of the Oct. 22, 2018 meeting were reviewed, with Mr. Cornwall making a motion to approve them as submitted. Second by Mr. Gallagher, and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.
  4. Water Access Subcommittee: Mr. Cornwall indicated he had a conversation with the town administrator about the access project, and was advised that a new town recreation director is being hired, and should be informed about the kayak launch system proposal. No subcommittee meeting date has been scheduled yet.
  5. Grant Proposals: Mr. Gallagher reported speaking to Westport Apothecary about the purchase of two lightweight “transport” wheelchairs needed by the Council on Aging, and obtained an estimated price of \$200 each. He noted that the school department’s needs list totaled approximately \$1,500. Mr. Cornwall made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 from the gift account for donation to Westport Community Schools for a soft touch chair, desktop slant boards, and sensory stimulation toys for Westport Elementary School; and graphic materials for the break room for autistic children. Seconded by Mr. Costa, the motion passed 4-0.
  6. Observations/Member Input: Landing Commission Chair Jeff Bull made a presentation on plans for improvements to the Adamsville town landing off Harbor Road, to include a canoe and kayak launch site. A limited number of parking spaces will be available, with one space designated for vehicles with handicapped parking stickers. Accessible picnic benches are also planned for the site. Mr. Bull also noted that plans for the Head Landing will include a handicapped accessible portajohn.
- Mr. Gallagher publicly encouraged member and resident support for businesses that donate to worthwhile community projects. Mr. Phenix reported on his conversation with Al Lees, owner of the Westport Federal Credit Union branch office in Central Village, noting Mr. Lees has agreed to install an automatic door opener there and is getting estimates for the work. Mr. Costa volunteered to survey other banks in town to see if they would be interested in installing automatic doors at their facilities.
7. Next Meeting: The meeting scheduled for Jan. 28, 2019 was canceled by general agreement, as was the February meeting. The next scheduled meeting date will be March 25, 2019.
  8. Adjournment: Mr. Cornwall made a motion to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Phenix, the motion passed 4-0.

Approved: May 20, 2019