### **Priorities**

- Encourage public awareness of disability issues
- Identify concerns of Westport residents with disabilities
- Work in cooperation with the Town departments and agencies to bring about maximum participation of residents with disabilities
- Work with businesses, agencies and organizations to improve accessibility for residents with disabilities
- Provide information, referral, guidance and advice to individuals, businesses, organizations and public agencies in all matters pertaining to disability
- Assist Town departments in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Work with other local groups organized for similar purposes
- Advocate for the rights of Westport residents with disabilities



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## **Donations**

**Westport Without Barriers** is our vision to promote the goals of The Westport Commission On Disability: As a commission within the town of Westport, we have status as a non profit organization. Town funds are very limited and we need contributions to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. Please consider donating to **The Westport Commission On Disability** so we can be more effective in our community endeavors. Checks should be payable to Westport Commission on Disability. In the memo, please note: Accessibility Gift Account and mail to the address below.

**Westport Commission** on Disability **Town Hall** 816 Main Road Westport, MA 02790

For information about the Americans with Disabilities Act contact Michael J. Coughlin 508-636-1150





The Westport Commission on Disability



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*To make Westport a better* place to live by being a resource to the Town that will bring about the full and equal participation for people of all abilities in all aspects of life.



## **Activities and Programs**

The Westport Commission On Disability will be instituting programs over the years.

We welcome your input and participation. Our ideas for the future include:

- Understanding differences awareness program
- Disability friendly business program
- Workshops on low-cost barrier removal
- Recommendations for home renovations for aging in place and accessible living
- Fund raisers We are open to suggestions, ideas and comments!



## Meetings

- Third Saturday of the month, 9:00 am Council on Aging
- **Open Meetings** Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring concerns to the attention of the Commission.
- **Commission Contacts:** Primary 508.636.5751 Secondary 508.636.6537

Meeting times subject to change. Call the Town Clerk for updated information. 508.636.1000

## Commissioners

- Elaine Ostroff, Chair
- Stanley H. Cornwall, Vice Chair
- Michael Ouimet, Secretary/Treasurer
- Sybil S. Burba
- Selena Howard
- John M. Pelletier
- **Richard Squire**

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The commission is always interested in expanding its volunteer base. We need you if you have a few hours a month to contribute to a better Westport for people with disabilities.

#### WebSite

For more information about the Commission, meetings, minutes and announcements visit www.westport-ma.com/ (look under Departments for *Disability Commission*)

Please be aware that some disabling characteristics may be apparent and others may not