



Brookline Commission of the Disabled

May 10, 2016

4:00 to 5:00 PM-Brookline Health Department

4:00 PM Call to Order

Updates and notices from Chair, Eileen C. Berger

Introduction. Subjects covered:

- Current policies and practices
- Access issues
- Processing citizen complaints
- partnership with Diversity and Inclusion office
- Review and acceptance of notes from April Meeting

4:05 PM Guest speaker: Jeffery Dougan- Assistant Director Mass. Office on Disability-

- Overview of Mass. Commission role in the Commonwealth
- connection to local commissions and services for consumers
- Overview of laws governing commissions and budgets

4:35 PM Commissioners' response and questions

4:50 variance requests /MAAB/BCD/Saralynn

4:55 Topics for next meeting in June 21 or June 7?

5:00 PM adjourn

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CALL ITEMS OUT OF ORDER.

Proposals for BCD community activities

- Continue Technology Innovation Fund- proposals submitted 2 times yearly for PWD 18 and over for up to \$500- can we commit \$4,000 to this fund yearly?
 - High School Students in need of Funding for upgrading technology for post-secondary education
- Portable wheelchair ramps lending for community use through Public Health office
 - Collaboration on Film Series shared By Brookline and Cambridge!
 - Creation of A MAP locating accessible places/routes/snow plowing routes in Brookline
- Accessible Brookline- Hiring of an intern to research and create booklet and website
- Funding the development of a needs assessment survey for PWD in Brookline
- Disability Consumer Guide Show for Brookline Residents Cable TV –MRC Rehab. Counselor, Police and district attorney reports on crime & PWD, Jesse Mermell on senior blind consumers supports, regional administrator Special Olympic/s, Susan Love, abuse prevention and outreach coordinator for the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC) /Living in Brookline in a wheelchair, Jim Miczek-facilities access- ramp demo

