

**Bridgewater Disability Commission Meeting  
Tuesday September 28th at 2 pm { new time}  
Bridgewater Academy Building {new location}  
2nd floor- Council Chambers  
66 Central Square - Bridgewater, Ma 02324**

**Bridgewater Disability Commission Agenda- Tuesday September 28th at 2 pm**

**Members:**

Dave Frim - Chair  
Lorraine Carrozza- Vice Chair  
Henry Goldsmith- Secretary  
Anna Nakouzzi  
Karen Aicher

**Associate Members:**

Gloria Lemieux  
Zach Chipman

Bridgewater Police Liaison  
Lt, Anne Schuster

Call to Order at 2 pm.

Introduction: Special Guest - Steve Higgins - representing Independence Associates of East Bridgewater

Independence Associates is a no cost, non-profit, no insurance needed organization funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Government. IA is dedicated to helping disabled associates of any age with any disability live a more independent and rich life.

IA features many programs and services to help disabled adults achieve their goals for a better life. All issues/ solutions are implemented by trained and experienced counselors.

IA would like to work with the Bridgewater Disability Commission in the hopes of connecting ,ore adults and young adults with disabilities to the free supports and services that they offer online and in person. Steve will today tell us more about IA and how we can work together.

Approve Minutes of August 25th Bridgewater Disability Commission Meeting

Lt. Anne Schuster- updates.

Bridgewater Housing Authority Program - Wednesday October 13th at 1 pm. Heritage Circle, Bridgewater. Set up by Lorraine Carrozza, working in conjunction with Susan

Lanzikos, President of the H and H Tennant Assoc. Lorraine plans a small gathering catering to the primarily disabled residents living at this location. Discussion of the projects that we are involved in around Bridgewater. Address any questions. Provide light refreshments and raffles!! Thank you Lorraine for championing this project!

Jeff Dougan- Mass Office on Disability- will attend our Tuesday October 26th meeting, 2 pm, location to be determined, This will be a hybrid meeting, with the commission attending in person, and Jeff attending on Zoom. Karen was instrumental in reaching out to Jeff. Jeff plans to explain to us how we as the DC can best support the town and the residents of Bridgewater. He will be discussing updates for the standards and processes! Thank you Karen for opening the line of communication with such a great resource!

Bridgewater-Raynham SEPAC {Special education Parents Advisory Council}. Suggested by Karen, though the DC has nothing to do with education or curriculum, the SEPAC folks would likely include families who may be experiencing physical access issues. Great idea to discuss and possibly follow through!

ADA Coordinator for the Town of Bridgewater.

Internship- Karen A.

### **Old Business:**

1. Disability accessible side entrance door to Academy Building. Chris Hartman, Facilities Manager stated that it was not on order at last meeting. Do we want to pursue this issue any longer?

2. Confusion over ADA Coordinator follow up with Waterford Village resident concerns over sidewalk safety. Should we delve any further into this issue? Discussion of how grievances are handled in Bridgewater to ADA standards.

3. Parking availability at Academy Building.

4. Long discussed moving of Academy Building Bill Mailbox to a more accessible location.

### **Open Discussion:**

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 26th at 2pm- Location to be determined