

Town of West Hartford
Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Monday, June 8, 2026 7:00 PM
Elmwood Community Center Auditorium
MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Christine Hayden, Christopher Holley, Kimberly Jacobsen, Tara McNeil (Chair), Amy Messinger, Jennifer Searls (Vice Chair)

Commission Members Not in Attendance: Joseph Kolczynski, Brittany Koziara, Elisa Neira

Guest(s) Present:

Leah Farrell, Publicity & Outreach Library, West Hartford Public Library

Opening:

Co-Chair Tara McNeil called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the March 3 meeting were approved.

Speaker:

Leah Farrell engaged the commission in a discussion regarding current services, devices, and programs available at the main Noah Webster Library to ensure accessibility by all. A robust discussion ensued with commission members providing feedback. The commission asked for a regular meeting with Leah to continue the conversation.

Reports:

Town Staff Report - Suzanne Oslander was not in attendance. No report.

Education Working Group - No report.

Programming Working Group - Jenn Searls reported that the Fair Housing event in April featuring Kim Jacobsen and Michelle Keuler of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) was successful. There were approximately 16-20 people in attendance and many stayed after the talk to ask questions of the presenters.

We had hoped to have an event coinciding with Disability Pride Month in July but are not able to pull it together.

We discussed having an event in September for Disability Voting Rights week (September 14-16, 2026).

Communications Working Group - No report.

Ongoing Business: No ongoing business

New Business: No new business

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2026 at Elmwood Community Center Auditorium at 7:00 pm.