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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

WEDNESDAY, July 28th, 2021- 6:30 PM

LOCATION: ZOOM

ORDER OF AGENDA

Town of Great Barrington is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Commission on Disability

Time: Jul 28, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 875 517 2252

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's June 16, 2021 Revised Order extending remote participation by all members in any meeting of a public body, this meeting of the Great Barrington Commission on Disability will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on town's website, at www.townofgb.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: See instructions at the top of the agenda. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

I. 6:30 PM Open Meeting

II. Call to Order

III. Attendance

IV. Review and approval by roll call vote of the May 19th, and June 30th, 2021 meeting minutes.

V. Findings report from Commission Member, Denise Flynn, on guidelines for proper terminology and verbiage when addressing, and righting or talking about, people with disabilities, and how the COD can educate the community about this subject. Results of emergency preparedness training from Commission Member Jeanne Bachetti.

VI. Review of last meetings open items. Main street Housatonic sidewalks. New items, Great Barrington Town Hall entry steps. Entry access variance request for 38 Railroad St.

VII. MOD "Understanding Effective Communication". Compliance with ADA communication of Title II & III organizations. Technologies to help provide effective communication for people with disability.

VIII. Next Steps – Discussion

IX. Set Next Meeting Date

X. Citizen Speak Time

XI. Adjournment

/s/ Richard Flach, Chairman

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