Commission on Disability Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Remote Participation Only

Agenda

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, the meeting and public hearing will be conducted with remote opportunities for participation.

ACCESS INFORMATION:

A. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Location: Remote Participation Only

B. The in-person meeting will also be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television) on Comcast Channel 22 or RCN Channel 13 and can be streamed online at : http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=3

C. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92274085597

D. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 922 7408 5597

E. Public may comment through email: ada@watertown-ma.gov

F. Please Visit the Commission on Disability Website here: https://www.watertown-ma.gov/351/Commission-on-Disability

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ADA Accessibility: For questions regarding this meeting's accessibility or to request reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator by emailing ada@watertown-ma.gov. Requests should be made as soon as possible in advance of the meeting, preferably 7 day prior, but in any event reasonable efforts will be made to fulfill the request, though please be aware that services cannot be guaranteed.

Note, all City Council, Board, and Commission meetings are hosted in accessible buildings or hosted online.

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Housekeeping & Timing - Kim Charlson, Chair
4. Audience Issues (takes priority over regular business)
5. Guest Speaker: Emily Monea, Deputy City Manager to discuss ADA Coordinator/WCOD Liaison Role
6. Acceptance of Minutes for the October Meeting - Discussion/Vote - Rachel
7. Treasurer's Report - Stephanie
8. Chair's Report - Kim

A. Sons of Italy ADA Accessibility Complaint Update – Kim
B. Update on Waverly-Belmont Street Intersection from Wayne Chouinard – Kim
C. Recommendations from the KMA Report: Installing directional signage at City Hall Main Entrance redirecting people to accessible entrance on the West side of the Building - John, George, & Stephanie
D. Update on Arsenal Street Trees & Sidewalk Issue – Lisa & Kim
E. Follow-up Path Issue Behind Halfway Café (waiting for feedback from Tom Brady) – Stephanie
F. DPW Trash/Recycling Disability Sticker (waiting for feedback from Matt Bacon) – Kim
G. Watertown Recreation/All Out Outdoor Proposal Next Steps - Stephanie
H. Update on Mis-Positioned Poles at Watertown High School – John
I. Accessibility concerns at The Residence at Watertown Square, Assisted Living Facility – Stephanie
J. Discussion on Official ADA Accommodation Requests Received: Process for Tracking, Reporting Out to WCOD – Stephanie
K. Report on Lack of Accessible Pedestrian Signal at Mt. Auburn Street & Bates Road – Kim & John
L. Accessible Pedestrian Signals: RRFB (rectangular rapid flashing beacons) and PHBs (pedestrian h ybrid beacons) – Kim
M. Curb Cut on Sidewalk at Watertown Mall (550 Arsenal Street) – Lisa, Stephanie & John
N. DCR-Connalonga Park Path Access Issue – Stephanie & John
O. Mis-Located Hydrant on Arlington and Arsenal Street -- Stephanie
P. Stop & Shop Parking Sign Issues – Stephanie & Kim
Q. MLK Unity Breakfast Event Access Next Steps – Stephanie
R. Report Out on WFPL/World in Watertown/WCOD November 4 Event – Carol
S. Update on Accessibility of Real Estate Tax Abatement Form for Legal Blindness – Cindy & Stephanie

9. Break - 10 minutes
10. Committee Reports - Ongoing Business
    A. Plans Review – John
    B. Special Education Update – Rachel
    C. Safety and Access - Kim
        i. Cracks in Pavement on Pathway from Whites Avenue to Waverly Avenue – Kim & Naomi
11. Adjourn - Next Meeting December 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM via Zoom