

**COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 P.M.
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Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall, Commission Secretary's Office.

Chairperson Clair called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gloria Clair, Laurie Glasser, Amanda Clair, Donald Vallancourt, Colleen Miller, Kelly DelGobbo, Sarah Gerard, Sandy Amato, Sharon Valerio (arrived at 6:30 pm), and Bobbi Thompson (arrived at 6:35 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fran Culver

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting – November 19, 2013

Upon **MOTION** by Kelly DelGobbo, seconded by Colleen Miller, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2013 regular meeting.

RECREATION

- *Recreation Coordinator's Report*
- Christmas Party

Amanda Clair was present to report that they had their annual Christmas Party at the Landowner's. She added that they had a great attendance and a wonderful meal. Also, thank you notes were sent to the Landowner's and Mrs. Gubitosi for coordinating this.

- Dance

She noted that they had a winter dance which was held on December 13th at the Youth Center, and they had some issues with getting into the Youth Center and it turned out alright. She indicated that they had the largest attendance, and they had the Columbettes who brought the snacks.

She also noted that they had dances in January and February at the Senior Center. In February they had to change D.J.'s at the last minute. She indicated that Mike O'Brien from Wolcott did a great job. The Mayor came and did the chicken dance. The Columbettes brought the desserts in January and helped them

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serve ice cream sundaes in February. She indicated that thank you notes were sent to the Columbettes and Mike O'Brien for coming at the last minute.

- Bingo

She noted that March 16th was their Bingo at the American Legion. She added that 25 people showed up to play bingo. The American Legion supplied most of the prizes with the rest being supplied by the Columbettes. Also, the commission supplied snacks, water and apple juice that was served while they were playing bingo.

- March Madness

She indicated that March Madness will be Thursday March 20th at 5:00 pm at Tyrrell School with the High School basketball teams, dance team, cheerleaders and band. She added while she was purchasing supplies for Rainbow Day Camp she came across an item that hangs on the basketball hoop that makes a lower hoop for those in wheelchairs. She also purchased hoops that sit on the floor.

She also informed the commission that they are looking to have a 50's style dance/talent show in April. She added that Troy Bond will be available for that.

Mrs. Miller inquired if they had a date for that, at which time Ms. Clair replied no and she is working on that.

Ms. Clair informed the commission that Mrs. Pecka resigned from Bowling. She added that their Bowling Banquet will be held by the Famingbury Women's Club on May 3rd at 12:00 at the Senior Center.

- Rainbow Day Camp

She informed the commission that she will be posting applications on April 1st. She added that she purchased supplies already for Rainbow Day Camp (see attached).

Mrs. Miller said maybe next year she could get in contact with the spoke vendors it's a wheelchair basketball team. She added that they are fun to watch. She said they could have them as a fundraiser.

Mr. Vallancourt pointed out that Ms. Clair is doing an awesome job and the commission members agreed.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Clair was present to say that she is congratulating everyone for being appointed to the commission.

CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLICITY

There were none.

ACCESSIBILITY

Chairperson Clair said they spoke about the handicapped parking for voting at the schools. She indicated that she spoke to Mr. Macary about it and he was going to check into it.

Mrs. Amato mentioned that they looked at the High School years ago regarding when there were basketball games and they couldn't get in the front door, at which time Ms. Clair said they have a ramp now.

TRANSPORTATION

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

- Budget

Chairperson Clair informed the commission that she and Mr. Vallancourt met to go over their new budget for 2014-2015. The only change they made was to increase the Rainbow Day Camp staff line. Because if they have the same children and the same amount of children next year they need more staff. She added that she hasn't heard from the town yet; they will have to meet with them.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Tour of the police station.

Chairperson Clair informed the commission that Police Stephens contacted her to see if they wanted to tour the police station and she sent out a letter to the flyer list and three people came forward. She added that Chief Stephens is wonderful and he spent about an hour and a half with the kids. She noted that she has two more going next Tuesday and if anybody wants to go they can.

Chairperson Clair also mentioned that the Police Department devised a form to notify Wolcott Police, ambulance and fire if there is a person with a disability living in the home that they are called to (see attached). Also they will be advertising this form in the Wolcott Community News.

She also mentioned that they need to clean out the shed, at which time they decided on April 5th at 10:00am.

She also mentioned that they will be having lunch at Barc, at which time they decided on Wednesday the 16th. Ms. Thompson said she will find out the information that they need.

- George Lane Memorial

Mrs. Miller said she printed out the application for Camp Harkness. The cost for one camper is \$972.00. She added that she researched other camps and they are day camps for individuals with special needs. She indicated that she has the letter for the participants which will be sent out. The deadline will be March 31st. They need \$150.00 with the application to reserve it.

The commission had a brief discussion regarding whether they can send two campers instead of one.

Chairperson Clair mentioned that they East Street Eatery will do a ziti fund raiser for them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Donald Vallancourt, seconded by Kelly DelGobbo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:00pm.

APPROVED:

Gloria Clair, Chairperson

Dolores Distiso Secretary