

**Town of Greenwich**  
**First Selectman's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2023**  
**9:15 AM**  
**via ZOOM**

**Present: UPDATE** Alan Gunzburg, Steph Cowie, Demetria Nelson, Jim Heavey, Michael Beloff, Kate Soboleva, Lise Jameson, Tyler Fairbairn, James Michel, Luis Velazquez, Gaby Rattner, Jacalyn Pruitt, Joe Laucella, Veronica Chiavaroli, Dr. Stephanie Paulmeno, Courtney Souza, Jodi Couture, Joe Siciliano

**Guests:** Peter Berg (Cos Cob Library), Joe Laucella, Fred DeCaro III, and Mary Hegarty

1. Welcome and Roll Call

- **Meeting called to order-** 9:15 AM.

2. Approve minutes from Special Meeting March 15, 2023

- Moved by- Steph
- Seconded by-Michael Beloff
- Motion Minutes for the 3/15/2023 meeting were accepted as delivered

3. Presentation: "Emergency Register Update" - Joseph Laucella, Emergency Manager Town of Greenwich

- Thank you to the committee for getting us to where we are with our EMS
  - The system is up and running
  - The site is live- Greenwichalerts.com or Greenwichalerts.org
  - Register through Everbridge, text, or log in
  - Brochures and marketing campaign ready to share with community and posters
  - Official rollout through Fred's Community Connection next week
  - Able to reach the entire town or a subset of an area that may need to be reached
  - Henny Larkin and Ken Borsek will be releasing a Press Release on the launch
  - Senior Center and places that will need assistance to enroll will receive that help

4. Registrars of Voters ADA upgrades Fred DeCaro III and Mary Heagney

- Overview of the use of the Grant funds \$500,000 to be used for election-related items, focusing on accessibility and security
  - Interest in adding accessibility by adding automatic doors to entrances used for polling places (these are typically different from Front Entrances)
  - Meeting with Dan Watson and Blaize Levitan re BOE to discuss this idea
  - Solicit the committee for other ideas, If not shared today, please let us know
    - Contact information from both parties to provide rides to those who would like to vote
    - Working on counter heights in Town Hall
  - Early Voting takes a min of 10 days at a single location

5. Cos Cob Library Peter Berg

- Overview of the CC Library and parkland, parking, and 19-space linear parking lot close to Cos Cob School

- Opened in 1999, and too small today
- There are many naming opportunities for this potential addition
- Plan B will cost nothing more than Plan A - would need to raise about \$2 Million
- P&Z and Board of Appeals - preliminary read, no vote, concerns with Plan A, Peggy Kalb placing the plan on hold.
- Plan B is more ADA compliant, removes assumptions of FAR and parking, and this will be a much friendlier plan for people with disabilities. will not increase the library's operating costs, which are paid for by the TOG
- The west entrance will no longer be open to the public
- Vote to be taken to see if FSAC4PWD is supportive of Plan B, Cos Cob Project

**Vote:**

*Alan motioned for the FSAC4PWD committee to support Plan B of the Cos Cob Library as presented by Peter Berg.*

*Steph put forth a revised motion tMotion to postpone the vote in support of the Peter Berg Plan B for Cos Cob Library until we know more about the support of P&Z and TOG. Is there a second, Veronica Chiavaroli. All in favor- Motion passes unanimously.*

6. Old Business

a. ADA Tree Policy

- At this time, no ADA Tree Policy should meet with town officials to move this forward once the budget season ends

b. Central Middle School/JCS/OGS Building Committee update

- Speakers at BET in support of ADA in schools
- JC Veronica Chiavaroli was told she was the most important person in the room - She has a vote!
- Equity playgrounds around town: Many of the town playgrounds have been updated
  - North Street School's preschool playground needs to be accessible, and lots of work to be done in all of the playgrounds and schools need to be updated. Darren Wigglesworth of TOG
    - Pre-schools should all be updated or created
    - Joe Siciliano- BOE budgets for the Capital program for the Playgrounds and the priority. Working on the list. Need to speak with Dan Watson and Blaize Levitan

c. ADA-compliant Arch & Grigg Streets

- We are looking for people who would like to volunteer to assist with this overview and review of GA

d. Accessible Parking

- AZ company built an App that tracks the availability of accessible spots

7. New Business

1. ADA Parks & Rec RFP study is coming soon, Joe S. plans to share it with us before it is issued for comments.

8. Set the Date of the Next Meeting as June 12, 2023, at 9:15 am

Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 am