Disability Commission

Meeting date: Monday, February 10, 2020	**Location:** Northbridge Town Hall (1st floor)
Start time: 6:50 pm	**End time:** 7:52 pm
Attendees: Jonathan Smith, Bruce Frieswick, Joanna Schomberg, Washa Liu	**Meeting purpose:** Monthly meeting

Agenda/Minutes

1. Call to order:
- ❖ The commission meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm.

2. Roll call:
- ❖ The roll call of meeting attendees was completed; Jonathan Smith, Bruce Frieswick, Washa Liu, and Joanna Schomberg present.

3. Approve minutes:
- ❖ Minutes approved; no questions.

4. Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Balance $1,000.00: Professional and Technical Service - $500.00/Training and Seminars - $500.00
- ❖ No expenditure at this time.

5. New Business:
- ❖ John presented a new bill:
  a. Nicky's Bill H4296: Protect Disabled Persons - a registry that would identify individuals who have been found to have committed abuse against persons with disabilities. Filed by Senator Moore, given final approval and sent to Governor Baker for signature.
- ❖ Washa presented information on residents with disabilities in Northbridge - the last census quoted 11%.
  a. Questions - are disabilities mental health or physical, are the residents on welfare?
  b. Washa is going to the Census seminar on Thursday. She can ask questions about how they gather their data.
  c. She will make note of mileage and any monies spent through the seminar to be submitted through the budget.

6. Member updates:

❖ Bruce emailed Karl Bryan and is waiting for a response. What was the criteria for a grant application being awarded or rejected? Rather than a phone call, Bruce wants to set up a meeting.

❖ Jonathan will contact Amanda this week and ask her for a formal answer about her participation on the commission. If she is coming back; when? If not, a letter of resignation needs to be sent.

7. Schedule next meeting/Agenda:

❖ Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm.

8. Adjourn:

❖ The commission meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.