

Fairfield Commission on disAbilities Charge

MISSION

To ensure that Fairfield is a welcoming community where people with disabilities can lead inclusive and fulfilling lives, participating and contributing as active members of our town.

MEMBERSHIP

The Commission on disAbilities shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. No more than four members shall be of the same political party.

Fairfield's First Select(wo)man, ADA Compliance Officer, Director of Human Resources and Director of Special Education will serve as Ex Officio members of the Commission.

The Director of Human Services will be the staff member associated with the Commission.

Each Commissioner's term is for three years.

DUTIES

The Fairfield Commission on disAbilities is established to promote the inclusion and integration of persons with disabilities in the activities, services and employment opportunities of the community. In so doing, the Commission shall:

1. Make recommendations to Town Officials and Departments on policies, procedures, programs and services (including facilities) that affect people with disabilities
2. Provide information, referral, advocacy and technical assistance to individuals, businesses and organizations on reasonable accommodations, and other matters related to disability in order to promote public awareness and understanding
3. Identify, research and make recommendations that address barriers impacting people with disabilities
4. Increase awareness of issues affecting people with disabilities by fostering and promoting community dialogue and partnerships
5. Engage people with disabilities and their families, encouraging them to participate in community activities and town government and planning.

MEETING RULES

The Commission shall annually elect a chair and a secretary, who will be responsible for maintaining the record of the Commission's discussions, votes and actions and compliance with the Town Charter and the Freedom of Information Act (C.G.S. § 1-200).

Regular meetings shall be held every other month and as needed.

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the number of appointed members.

Decisions will be made by a majority of those members present.

*The Charge was approved unanimously at the Board of Selectmen meeting on June 21, 2021.