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**GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  

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**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS**

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*Members:*

Douglas Mayo – Chair  
Virginia DeSorgher  
Robert Williford  
Lynne Kelley – Alternate

**Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)**

Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Members present:**

Lynne Kelley  
Virginia Desorgher  
Bob Williford

**Members absent:**

Doug Mayo

**Also present:**

Anna Oltman, ADA Coordinator  
Christian LaPlante, Community Development  
Pamela McBride

LK called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM in the absence of the chair.

Roll call attendance.

**Approval of the minutes from September 14, 2023 October 12, 2023**

Motion by VD to approve both sets of minutes as written, second BW. All in favor 3-0.

## **ONGOING ISSUES**

### **Transition plan updates**

LK stated that it would be good to get department head training underway as the new year begins. It is listed in the plan.

AO stated that the architect for city hall is completing a full plan of the building and is working on the plan for the bathrooms. May remove a stall in order to make it accessible and the architect will be checking with the building inspector.

### **Building access**

LK asked PM if there are any updates on the railing at the library. PM stated that information has been relayed to proper individuals. Making way through punch list. Biggest thing they are working on for accessibility is signage. BW stated that the right hand handicap parking is labeled as van parking when it should be the middle stall. PM and BW will work on fixing this issue. BW also asked about padlock on rear entrance gate. CL will work with DPW to swap van signage at library.

AO stated that at the post office the squares that are in disrepair do indeed belong to the post office. LK is looking to get in touch with local post office officials. VD will be in touch with Marlo Warner as well.

### **Sidewalk repair**

AO stated that CDBG funding has finally been approved and has funding for sidewalk repair. Current list for 2024 are Pond, Beacon, Walnut, Woodleigh, Abbott.

There is also a grant application in to MOD for Beacon Street. If that grant is awarded then another sidewalk will be swapped into the CDBG.

## **Greenfield project updates**

*Community Preservation Act projects supported by Commission*  
CL stated that the Beacon Field and high school track projects are in line with the Recreation Department. The city council will officially be appropriating the CDA portion of the funding shortly.

*Wilson's project*  
No updates

*Portland Loo*  
VD stated that the loo is installed but not all hooked up yet.

*Ongoing and future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects*  
AO stated that on December 4, 5:00-6:00 pm there will be a CDBG hearing. This hearing is the time to bring ways to use block grant funding to the cities attention. Architectural barrier access removal projects are qualifying for CDBG. AO will email the notice.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Clarification of procedure for requesting an absentee ballot**  
BW stated that obtaining a ballot for people quarantining for covid is no longer as easy as 2020. Not something that can be solved locally. Only individuals in a health care facility can have a ballot brought to them within 5 days of an election.

VD sees the current law as encouraging people to break quarantine in order to vote which is a public health issue.

### **Recruitment of members**

AO stated that there is one person who has submitted their credentials to the Mayor. AO has also reached out to the Senior Center, LifePath, and GCC disability office. AO looking for diversity in experience and age, for example a student or worker.

VD stated that she met two people while campaigning that might be able to be appointed.

May be potential to have Mayor join meeting to meet quorum in January if needed.

LK can look into if there are other members in the community who have completed CAM training.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

AO stated that there is a digital equity community meeting on December 14. FRCOG helping City of Greenfield write a digital equity plan. Also focus groups later in the new year.

### **Next meeting December 14, 2023**

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 1:58pm.

