



The TOWN OF NORWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Commission on Disability Meeting January 20, 2022 Minutes of Meeting

The meeting of the Commission on Disability was held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 20, 2022, virtually using GoToMeeting. Attending the meeting were Laura Duran, Marcy Rossi Michelle Sweeney and Jim West. Also in attendance was Mike Rosen and Erin Crowley from Norwood Community Media.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

Agenda items for discussion were as follows:

1. Mr. Rosen informed the COD that Mr. West would be moving forward as a member of the Commission.
2. The Commission discussed the COD website. Updates were proposed to categorize the resource list by type/topic. A motion was made by Ms. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Duran to modify the COD website. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The Needs Assessment Survey was discussed by the COD members. The twelve questions were reviewed by the group. The survey would be open for the month of February. The COD discussed distribution of the electronic survey through social media and paper copies to be made available at the Recreation Department, Morrill Memorial Library & Norwood Housing Authority. A motion was made by Ms. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Duran to move forward with the survey. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The COD discussed that there was not a quorum for the December meeting, but a presentation was given by Travis Farley, Director of Recreation for the Town regarding a new proposed playground at the airport. The playground designs were shared with the group by Ms. Rossi. The playground design focuses on inclusive play and the COD discussed writing a letter of support for the playground. Ms. Sweeney will draft a letter and share with the group for consideration.
5. NCM is interested in having a member of the group participate in an episode of Norwood Digest to discuss the COD and their mission. Group is unable to participate in January; would like to be considered for the February episode.
6. Mr. Rosen shared with the group that a request had been made to the Town regarding the accessibility of the Norwood Post Office mailboxes. Mr. Rosen is working with the Postmaster to obtain a new mailbox that would be accessible, but also is still protective from mail fishing activities.
7. Minutes from the 11/18/21 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Duran made a motion to approve, Ms. Rossi seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved 3-0-1 with Mr. West abstaining from voting as he was not present at the meeting.

At 4:49 pm, Ms. Duran made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. West seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved unanimously.

Michelle Sweeney, Clerk