



Commission on Disability Meeting
May 17, 2022
Minutes of Meeting

The meeting of the Commission on Disability was held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 19, 2022, virtually using GoToMeeting. Attending the meeting were Laura Duran, Peter McFarland, Michelle Sweeney and Jim West. Also in attendance was Mike Rosen, Norwood Community Media, Clayton Cherver, Director Morrill Memorial Library (MLL) Darshana Merchant, Outreach Coordinator of MML, and Joe Collins, Budget Asset Analyst for the Town.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

Agenda items for discussion were as follows:

1. Website Update: Summer Interns will complete the updates to be made to the COD webpage in order to make it more user friendly and searchable.
2. Outdoor Dining changes: Major changes discussed were that the Town Building Department will inspect each restaurant's set up for accessibility. The Town DPW has purchased new metal ramps to replace temporary ones installed in past. All changes were reviewed to make sure meet codes for disability access. Town is working on a more formal plan to us when emergency order expires to allow outdoor dining in future seasons. COD members discussed recommendations to restaurants to make sure all barriers are able to be seen by residents who may be visually impaired.
3. The Commission discussed the COD website. Ms. Rossi reported that updates are in process to change the organization of the resources listed on the website.
4. Library Partnership: Mr. Cherver reviewed the current available resources for residents with disabilities and visual impairments. He expressed an interest in looking into how to make the Town a, "Dementia Friendly Community," similar to some surrounding towns. COD recommends adding a link to the MLL available resources to the COD webpage.
5. Mr. Rosen reviewed that access to Town Hall has now been updated to allow the automatic door entrance off the lower parking lot to be used during all business hours (typically 8am-4pm).
6. Mr. Rosen informed the COD that the Regional COD meeting is scheduled for 6/9 and that Mr. Rosen, Ms. Duran & Mr. McFarland were planning to attend. The Massachusetts Disability Meeting is scheduled for 10/27/22, with no registration open as of yet.
7. Group will plan to discuss survey and results at next meeting.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2022. at 4:00pm.

At 4:48 pm, Mr. McFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Duran seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved unanimously.
Michelle Sweeney, Clerk