



Commission on Disability Meeting
July 20, 2023
Minutes of Meeting

The meeting of the Commission on Disability was held at 4:00pm on Thursday, July 20, 2023, virtually using Google Meet Software. Attending the meeting were Sarah Quinn, Jim West, Shiri Ronen-Attia, Christine Diaz, and Peter McFarland. Also in attendance was Michael Rosen.

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

Agenda items for discussion were as follows:

1. The draft minutes of the May and June 2023 meetings were moved for approval by Ms. Ronen-Attia, seconded by Mr. West. Unanimous.
2. Mr. Rosen shared that Marcy Rossi had the COD pamphlets of resources printed up and are ready for distribution. The plan is to have many copies available at the Library, the COA, and the Civic Center, as well as be sent to the Schools.
3. Ms. Quinn introduced the topic of the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant. The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) recognizes that architectural and programmatic barriers to facilities and services exist throughout many municipalities in Massachusetts. MOD wants to work with communities to realize their ADA Title II obligations and engage in an interactive process so that municipalities can better understand and achieve increased access and opportunities for persons with disabilities. As such, they are offering communities up to \$250,000 to explore improvements that could benefit residents with disabilities. These grants will support capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving programmatic access and/or removing barriers encountered by persons with disabilities in applicant facilities throughout the Commonwealth. Grants will be awarded to successful applicants to remove barriers and create and improve accessible features and programmatic access for persons with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth.
4. By formal motion (made by Ms. Diaz, seconded by Mr. McFarland), the COD asked the Assistant General Manager to explore three grant applications on behalf of Norwood in time for the grant deadline of September 15:
 - a. Recreation programming for people with disabilities
 - b. Playground equipment upgrades at Father Mac's related to ADA
 - c. Outdoor dining ramp access

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023 at 4:00pm.

At 4:45 pm, Mr. McFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. West seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved unanimously.

Duly submitted by Michael Rosen, Assistant General Manager