

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Date: January 14, 2019
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Flynn Building (Silva Room), 278 Old Sudbury Road, Sudbury
Members Present: Kay Bell, Pat Guthy, Susan Iuliano, Lisa Kouchakdjian (arrived at 10:50 AM)
Members Absent:
Others:

Convene

The meeting came to order at 10:16 AM.

A quorum of the COD (at least a majority of 3) was present.

Susan Iuliano volunteered to record minutes of the Commission meeting.

Discussion

Member Reports

- Pat Guthy reported that she had been contacted by a parent whose child had applied to attend Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School but was denied admission (and is now attending LSRHS). Commission members discussed concerns about the Town's transition for vocation/technical education students when the Town terminated membership in Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical District. The Town has not been admitted as a member town for Assabet Valley. This situation presents specific challenges for students with disabilities, potentially limiting their options for recurring a free and appropriate education. Susan Iuliano offered to follow up with Town representatives on behalf of the Commission. At the same time, Lisa Kouchakdjian is exploring this matter on behalf of SPS.
- Pat further reported that she is still trying to reach DPW Director Dan Nason about meeting with the Commission.
- Susan announced that the Livability Assessment report will be presented on February 12 at 6:30 pm at Goodnow Library. The findings will also be presented to the Selectmen in February. Two major focus areas that emerged are the needs to address those who suffer isolation and inequities in our Town and to address critical transportation gaps.

Recruitment Efforts

The Commission discussed ongoing efforts to recruit additional members, noting the application for membership submitted by Doug Frey. Pat agreed to contact Mr. Frey to offer to meet with him and to invite him to our next meeting.

Town Report

The group reviewed and discussed the Annual Town Report drafted by Pat. She noted that she has not yet been able to obtain financial information from Town staff that must be included in the report.

Susan Iuliano moved to approve the report, with revisions discussed and subject to the later addition of the financial information. Lisa Kouchakdjian seconded the Motion. It was approved unanimously.

Commission on Disability Goals for 2019

Pat distributed the outline for the goal-setting process, explaining that each member would separately list proposed priorities, which would then be grouped and integrated by the Commission.

Each member then listed four priorities on separate pieces of paper. The group noted the significant overlap and convergence of these proposed goals. The goals were considered and then categorized into three areas of focus for the Commission:

- To EDUCATE the Town about the needs of persons living with disabilities
- To ASSESS the needs and challenges for persons living with disabilities
- To ASSIST the Town in meeting the needs of persons living with disabilities.

Kay, Lisa, and Susan each agreed to draft one of the goals for future consideration and they were assigned accordingly. The aim is to summarize and synthesize each area in two to four sentences.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Pat Guthy, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

The Commission approved these minutes on January 28, 2019.

A true copy attest:  01/28/2019
Secretary Date