

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Date: June 6, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Road, Sudbury

Members Present: Pat Guthy, Kay Bell, Doug Frey, Lisa Kouchakdjian, Sue Rushfirth

Members Absent:

Others: Caroline Santangelo

Next Meetings: June 20, July 8, July 17, July 29 All meetings to be conducted from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1. Convene: Ms. Guthy called the meeting to Order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Kouchakdjian will take minutes for the meeting.
2. Ms. Kouchakdjian moved to approve the May 13th meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Rushfirth seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Ms. Guthy distributed meeting minutes from the May 20th meeting and the minutes from the joint meeting with the Permanent Building Committee. These minutes will be discussed at another meeting.
4. Ms. Guthy provided Commission members with notebooks containing Commission procedures and resources.

5. Updates:

Transportation Meeting—Mr. Frey will attend the next meeting on June 21st. Ms. Bell attended the previous meeting. Ms. Bell reported that the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) did a community feedback. She also reported the MWRTA bus route will be starting soon in June. Ms. Bell stated that a subsidized program using ride-sharing services (i.e., Lyft, Uber) will start soon initially to target health appointments within the region.

MVP Meeting—Ms. Rushfirth reported on the MVP meeting and will provide the Commission with her notes from the event. Ms. Rushfirth reported on

discussions from the MVP regarding disabled persons being assisted during a natural disaster.

Professional Development Scheduling—Ms. Guthy reported that she contacted Jeff Dougan to inquire regarding his availability to provide the Commission with Professional Development on July 8th. Ms. Guthy will let the Commission members know of Mr. Dougan’s availability. Ms. Guthy would like members to think about topics to discuss with Mr. Dougan.

Low Vision Information—The Commission members discussed Ms. Bell’s presence at a low vision group meeting. The Commission came to consensus that the COD should not attend those meetings, simply act as a resource to them to the extent necessary.

Road Plate Color—The Commission was contacted by Dan Nason, Director of Public Works to request advice on color selection for the tactile pads to be used as part of curb cuts at pedestrian crossings and elsewhere in town. Upon research and investigation PG agreed that yellow-lime is the optimal choice to provide high contrast with adjacent paving.

6. Guidelines for Public Comment—The Commission agreed to insert the following changes after the first bullet in Public Comment Procedure:

“Prior to public comment, the Chair will notify those in attendance that the meeting is being recorded and will be available to the public.”

Ms. Guthy stated she will distribute revisions to the Town Manager for Town Counsel to review. Ms. Bell moved to approve the revisions. Ms. Rushfirth seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Public Comment—None.

8. Discussion, Review and Recommendations on Variance Requests—The Commission discussed changes to the Town Hall and whether the Commission would support a waiver to make the front of the building accessible. The Commission seemed to come to consensus that making the front of the building accessible is the right thing to do. The Commission will, however, continue to discuss the topic at future meetings as the Historics District Commission is not meeting again until September 2019.

Mr. Frey moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m. Ms. Rushfirth seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Lisa Kouchakdjian

Approved July18, 2019