

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Date: February 10, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Road, Sudbury

Members Present: Pat Guthy (Chair), Kay Bell (Vice-chair), Doug Frey, Lisa Kouchakdjian

Members Absent: Caroline Santangelo

Others:

Ms. Guthy called the meeting to Order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Kouchakdjian will take minutes for the meeting.

The Committee reviewed minutes from January 13, 2020. Ms. Kouchakdjian moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Guthy seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0, each member voting aye.

The Commission discussed its Town Report submission. Ms. Guthy reported she has not been provided with the Commission financials from the town administration. During the meeting, Ms. Bell went to find Mr. Keohane to see whether he could provide the Commission with its financials. Ms. Bell was told that Mr. Keohane was not in the office yet. Ms. Guthy stated she would like to put Ms. Bell's list of inquires from the public as an Addendum to the Town Report. The Commission agreed by consensus to do so.

Mr. Frey updated the Commission regarding the Transportation Committee meeting. He stated there were two candidates for the project manager role. With regard to WAV (wheelchair accessible vehicles), Mr. Frey indicated JFK was in the running to provide these services as they have two WAV vehicles. Mr. Frey stated the Town will cover the costs of WAV under the grant. Mr. Frey stated he requested the Chair put the Meadow Walk fixed stop on the Agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Guthy reported there is a request for a Commission member to serve on the MWRTA. She indicated the group meets quarterly and that meetings typically last one hour. The Commission will hold on an appointment to the MWRTA at this time.

Ms. Guthy reported to the Commission that it did not receive the Assessment and Transitional planning grant. Ms. Guthy will contact the State to try to understand why Sudbury did not receive the grant. Ms. Guthy reported that she advised Interim Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau the Sudbury Foundation is interested in supporting funding for the assessment. Ms. Guthy stated she will send the purported 1992

assessment to Commission members and confirm the identity of the ADA Coordinator. Mr. Frey will research who typically fulfills the role of ADA Coordinator. Ms. Guthy reported she was told by Ms. Bilodeau the Town has \$3,000,000 in free cash and that the money to pay for the assessment will come out of free cash. Notwithstanding this fact, Ms. Guthy will still contact the Sudbury Foundation to pursue support from that organization. Ms. Guthy indicated the Town has already contacted an entity to do the assessment and that the RFP is available on line. The Commission was not consulted, however, in the formation of the RFP.

With regard to the Vocational/Technical issue, Ms. Bell put together an overview of the law. Ms. Kouchakdjian recommended Ms. Bell review the Regional Agreement as there is language contained in the Regional Agreement regarding the responsibilities of providing Vocational/Technical education in Sudbury.

With regard to Town Meeting, Ms. Guthy and Ms. Bell will meet with Leila Frank to discuss logistics and to make sure the Town provides appropriate accommodations to those individuals who require it. Additionally, Ms. Guthy and Ms. Bell will mention the fact that the Town Warrant is not accessible.

With regard to the Town Hall project, Ms. Guthy reported regarding the February 6th meeting with the Historic District Commission. She reported she discussed the Commission's stance concerning accessibility and that our role as a Commission is to ensure the full and equal participation in all aspects of life by persons with disabilities. Ms. Guthy recommended the Commission schedule a site visit at Framingham Village Hall.

With regard to the Master Plan Steering Committee, Ms. Guthy suggested it is worthwhile to have Jeff Dougan attend a MPSC meeting. Ms. Bell stated that she will contact Ms. Lynn Puorro at Sudbury TV to determine whether Mr. Dougan's presentation can be isolated and used by the Commission.

With regard to the traffic report, Ms. Bell will update the website as soon as possible.

Curb cuts and Wayside Plaza issues: The Commission discussed the Massasoit and Wayside Plaza locations. With regard to the Massasoit property, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has a transition plan and remediation plan for curb cuts and walkways in the area. Route 20 is a state roadway so it is subject to such a remediation plan. The Commission has been asked to consider a variance on an increase in the cross slope on the property.

With regard to the Wayside Property, a member of the public sent a grievance regarding the ramp located on the property. The ramp is 31 inches in width and needs to be 48 inches in width.

Ms. Guthy and Ms. Bell will meet with Metrowest regarding both locations.

The Commission discussed utilizing Mr. Dougan's presentation to the Master Plan Steering Committee as a vehicle to educate people on the work of the Commission. Ms. Kouchakdjian will contact Sue Rushfirth to see whether Sue would be willing to draft a letter regarding the installation of automatic doors at the Senior Center and how helpful such an action has been.

The Commission discussed recruitment efforts and that it would be nice to get back to at least 6 members on the Commission.

Motion to Adjourn by Ms. Kouchakdjian. Seconded by Mr. Frey. Motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote, each member voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.