

Sudbury Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 7/22/20 6:30 pm

Location: via Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Kay Bell (KB), Doug Frey (DF) Pat Guthy, Chairperson (PG), Lisa Kouchakdjian (LK),

Members Absent: Caroline Santangelo (CS)

BOS Liaison Attendee:

Public Commenters/Guests:

(Agenda Item #)

PG called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. A quorum (at least a majority of 3) was present. DF volunteered to take minutes **(1)**.

(2) PG discussed Town Manager Henry Hayes attending a COD meeting. LK provided a summary of topics to discuss with Henry. We'll prepare agenda including our history, mission, goals, individual backgrounds, 3-4 current projects and end with a request. Discussed need for file space and posting requirements as potential asks. PG to prepare document with our thoughts on goals for meeting and send to COD for comment.

(3) PG complimented the marketing plan prepared by CS and LK as an important component of our goals enhancing our relevance and credibility. KB suggested CS write an article about ADA30 and agreed to mention it to CS. Recruitment of new members is a top priority.

We discussed our main goals of Educate, Assess and Assist in detail. KB suggested we create a working group to formalize our goal document for our October 10th meeting. LK suggest that she and CS work on this and will bring it back to the committee.

(4) There was no Public Comment.

(5) Updates:

-PG discussed with Bill Barletta to confirm he is an ADA Coordinator for the town. PG discussed that status of the Self-Evaluation and mentioned the paperwork is 33-40% complete and that there was a recent 2 day visit to Sewataro for assessment. COD will get an initial copy of Self-Eval and will be involved in the transition plan. Pat mentioned the meeting with Bill was very productive.

-DF provided an update of 7/10 Transportation Committee meeting. Town is awaiting word from MAPC on our grant application to receive emergency Taxi/Livery service funds. The MAPC is inundated with requests and it may take another week or two for notification. Progress has been made on town contract with Uber for Pilot program. The Senior Center van service is in the process of reopening, but it is a complicated process with many parts.

-KB provided a Health Department meeting update. The Sudbury schools and LSRHS are discussing school re-openings and various options in the COVID world.

-KB mentioned SEPAC met recently and agreed to do a survey, which is underway. The Report will be delivered at an upcoming School Committee meeting.

-PG discussed Town Meeting planning and how event will be outside at LSRHS in September. LK moved to have DF join the Town Meeting Planning Committee, KB seconded and the motion passed, 4-0. Accessibility will be a key theme in planning.

-PG reviewed the 7/20 Mass Office on Disability meeting which introduced the new MOD Director Mary Mahon McCauley. The Disability Law Center's Marlene Sallo shared COVID issues and practicalities. LK asked if there was a coalition of CODs and there isn't.

-PG talked about the accessibility issues at the Wayside Plaza and that Dave Correia of MetroWest Center for Independent Living was back from his illness and has looked at the site again. Dave said it's gone from bad to worse and plans to file a complaint with the Architectural Access Board. PG also mentioned that the Massasoit Ave/Rt 20 intersection is improved but still needs work.

(6) The next meeting is set for 8/6/20 at 6:30 PM via zoom.

LK motioned to adjourn the meeting, PG seconded and the motion was approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.