

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Date: October 1, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Remote via Zoom

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

Members Absent: Caroline Santangelo

Ms. Guthy called the meeting to Order at 6:34 p.m. Ms. Kouchakdjian will take minutes for the meeting.

The Commission reviewed minutes from September 3, 2020. Ms. Bell moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Guthy seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0, each member stating aye.

The Commission discussed the Resolution of Federal Complaint filed by CPR and Partners. The decision sets a national precedent against blanket do not resuscitates and medical discrimination on the basis of disability during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Frey provided an update regarding the work of the Transportation Committee. He mentioned the focus by the Transportation Committee on wheel chair accessible vehicles and the frequency of those rides.

Ms. Guthy updated the Commission regarding the self-evaluation. She indicated she contacted Bill Barletta who told her the Commission would be part of the initial drafting of the report. Mr. Barletta told her the self-evaluation should be completed by mid-October and that the Commission would have the opportunity to review the draft.

Ms. Bell updated the Commission regarding the recent Board of Health meeting. She indicated the work load of the Board of Health is very high and that additional part-time help has been retained to conduct contact tracing since the need for such work is growing.

Ms. Kouchakdjian provided an update regarding the LS SEPAC and its upcoming events.

Public Comment:

Maia Projansky-Bell, 38 Lakewood Road: Ms. Projansky-Bell provided a Sudbury SEPAC update to the Commission. She commented regarding the re-opening of school. She stated COVID Learning Plans were coming out slowly and that the Administration is getting caught up on evaluations. She stated meetings are beginning again. Teaching and learning services are going in a good direction.

Jennifer Roberts, 14 Griffin Lane: Ms. Roberts introduced herself to the Commission as the new liaison from the Board of Selectmen. She looks forward to following the work of the Commission.

Ingrid Centurion, 16 Carding Mill Road: Ms. Centurion stated that she was a candidate for State Representative. She shared that she has made efforts to reach out to the senior community in Sudbury.

Ms. Guthy requested feedback from Commission members regarding the meetings topics grid. Commission members discussed prioritizing its focus for the coming year. Areas the Commission will focus on include transition planning, the Board of Selectmen presentation, marketing, and succession planning.

Commission members discussed doing a marketing video. Ms. Kouchakdjian and Ms. Guthy to work on the video and provide an outline.

Future Agenda Items: The Commission discussed its annual meeting and installation of new officers in January. Ms. Guthy discussed the Annual Report of the Commission that will need to be completed. She indicated the Commission typically receives the request to prepare the report in December. The report then must be completed by January.

Ms. Bell motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, all members stating aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.