

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Date: January 7, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Remote via Zoom

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

Members Absent: None

1. Ms. Kouchakdjian will record minutes.
2. Linda Faust, 189 Boston Post Road, Sudbury. Ms. Faust expressed concerns to the Commission regarding the traffic light at Route 20 and Landham Road. She stated the signal is not loud enough and the light does not tell people when to cross. This especially true for those crossing the intersection with sight and hearing difficulties.
3. The Commission reviewed and discussed minutes from November 23, 2020. Ms. Guthy made a change on the first page. Ms. Kouchakdjian moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Frey Seconded the motion. Motion to approve the minutes passed 5-0 by roll call vote each member stating aye.
4. The Commission discussed its leadership structure. Ms. Guthy indicated she could use some additional support as Chair. Ms. Guthy suggested a co-chair model. In order to move to a co-chair model, however, the Commission would need to make a by-law change. The Commission decided to stay in the current structure of Chair and Vice Chair.

Ms. Kouchakdjian moved to appoint Ms. Guthy Chair of the Commission on Disability for a term of one year from January 2021 until the first meeting of January 2022. Ms. Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote each member stating aye.

Ms. Kouchakdjian moved to appoint Ms. Bell as Vice-Chair for a term of one year from January 2021 until the first meeting of January 2022. Ms. Santangelo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote each member stating aye.

5. The Commission discussed the preliminary report to the Town. Ms. Guthy will get a draft to Ms. Santangelo to format. Ms. Bell will send Ms. Santangelo a JPEG of the logo.

6. The Commission discussed the January 4th letter to Town Manager Henry Hayes and Mr. Hayes' response from January 5th. Ms. Guthy reported to the Commission that Select Board Chair Janie Dretler contacted Ms. Guthy and recommended a meeting with her and Mr. Hayes. The Commission reviewed documents from the Massachusetts Office on Disability regarding the role of the Commission.
7. Ms. Guthy updated the Commission regarding the handicapped parking fines. There was a misapplication of the funds by the Town for 2019 and 2020. The funds were mis-appropriated to general parking, rather than the Commission on Disability. The total misappropriated funds were \$1,100. The funds have now been transferred correctly to the Commission's account.

Mr. Frey updated the Commission regarding the work of the Transportation Committee. He reported regarding the meeting conducted on December 18th. He stated the taxi program is going well. There are new riders coming into the program. He also stated the Committee is still working with UBER. The Sudbury Board of Health does not see any issues with using UBER.

Ms. Bell updated the Commission regarding the most recent Board of Health meeting. She stated the Board of Health is swamped on all fronts. She stated in a one-week period, they had to make 187 COVID contact tracing calls. Ms. Bell commended the work of the Board of Health officials and stated that they are hard-working public servants.

Ms. Bell updated the Commission regarding the Sudbury SEPAC and stated that the group will be reconvening later this month.

Ms. Kouchakdjian provided a brief update to the Commission regarding the Lincoln-Sudbury SEPAC. Its next meeting is January 20th.

With regard to the self-evaluation update, Ms. Guthy referred the Commission to their conversation earlier in the evening.

Ms. Guthy stated the Master Plan Steering Committee will conduct a final meeting on Monday at 12:00 p.m.

8. Ms. Guthy stated that the next Commission meeting will focus upon goals, marketing plan and strategic planning. She referenced the Goodnow Library's strategic plan it formulated three years ago. The Library did a plan and an Executive Summary. Ms. Guthy stated it was a well done strategic plan and suggested to Commission members they go on line to view it.

Motion to Adjourn meeting by Ms. Kouchakdjian. Seconded by Ms. Santangelo. Motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote each member stating aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.