

## **Sudbury Commission on Disability**

Date: July 8, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Remote via Zoom

Members Present: Pat Guthy (Chair), Kay Bell (Vice-chair), Doug Frey, Jane Kline, Randi Korn, and Lisa Kouchakdjian

Members Absent: Caroline Santangelo

Ms. Guthy called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Ms. Bell joined the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

1. Ms. Kouchakdjian will record minutes for the meeting.
2. Ms. Guthy reported to the Commission that Valerie Fletcher will not be in attendance at the meeting due to a personal matter. Ms. Guthy stated that Ms. Fletcher will attend the next COD meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. No public comment.
4. Ms. Guthy reported that the financials remain constant at \$15,595.27 from the last update from March. Commission members agreed that Ms. Guthy should follow up with Chief Nix to check on enforcement of handicapped parking violations. Ms. Guthy will ask Chief Nix what the process is regarding enforcement. Ms. Bell suggested use of the Commission funds as an Agenda item for a future meeting. Ms. Guthy would like the Commission to define the use of the funds.
5. Updates: Ms. Guthy reported to Commission members regarding the meeting with Town Manager Henry Hayes. Four broad categories of issues were discussed: Town meeting issue, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School's inclusion in the self-evaluation, Self-Evaluation and Title III.

Mr. Frey reported to the Commission regarding a question that arose at Town Meeting from a resident regarding whether it was an ADA violation if residents did not have access to a computer to access the internet. The resident alleged there was a violation because the Town compelled people to acquire information on a Warrant article from the Town Manager's website without making paper copies of the information available. Mr. Frey discussed the issue with Jeffrey Dougan of the Massachusetts Office on Disability. Although

Mr. Dougan was not definitive on all issues, he did say it is not an ADA violation if a person does not have a computer to access information. Jennifer Roberts of the Select Board commented at this point in the meeting and stated Mr. Frey should send the outstanding issues and questions to herself, the Town Manager and the Town Moderator. Mr. Frey will draft an e-mail for Ms. Guthy's review and they will forward the e-mail as Ms. Roberts suggested.

Ms. Guthy reported that Mr. Hayes confirmed the final copy of the Self-Evaluation has not been provided yet by IHCD. She also stated that with regard to high school being evaluated, Mr. Hayes stated that topic will be discussed with the Town of Lincoln during the discussions regarding the Regional Agreement. Mr. Hayes indicated there would need to be discussion regarding each town's share of the costs associated with the high school Evaluation.

The final issue discussed with Mr. Hayes was Title III. During the conversation with Mr. Hayes, Ms. Guthy raised the issue of knowledge of the requirements of ADA in the job description for Building Inspector. She discussed with Mr. Hayes issues that have been raised regarding the Coolidge property and the Wayside Plaza. Ms. Guthy stated that with regard to the Wayside Plaza property, the accessibility issues have increased. Ms. Guthy stated the issues posed with these properties may fall under the purview of the Building Inspector. Ms. Guthy would like the Commission to approach Dave Correia to determine next steps with regard to the Wayside Plaza. Ms. Guthy will contact Mr. Correia. With regard to housing issues posed by the Coolidge, Ms. Guthy suggested the Commission reach out to the Sudbury Housing Authority.

Ms. Guthy reported the Master Plan has been accepted by the Town.

Mr. Frey reported regarding the Transportation Committee. Sandy Lasky has been named to the MWRTA until Ms. Galloway returns. Chair, Dan Carty will ask the Select Board for an Agenda item to extend the Transportation Committee's work for another year. Mr. Frey provided data regarding the number of rides and the breakdown of the ridership.

6. The Working Group on the Self-Evaluation and Transition plan provided an update to the Commission. Ms. Bell stated the Working Group studied the materials from IHCD in detail. The Working Group looked at the different categories outlined in the Self-Evaluation. Ms. Korn reviewed the documents regarding municipal buildings. Ms. Bell reviewed the documents regarding the schools. Ms. Kouchakdjian reviewed the documents regarding outdoor space. Ms. Bell reported that the Working Group agreed that the Commission should draft letters regarding action steps moving forward. Commission members were provided a draft letter to Mr. Hayes in their packet in

preparation for the meeting. The draft letter was prepared by the Working Group. The Working Group also drafted a letter to Superintendent Crozier.

Commission members provided feedback regarding the letter to Mr. Hayes. Ms. Guthy suggested that the letter delineate and specify what the asks are of the Commission. Ms. Korn suggested the Working Group make changes to the draft letter after receiving the feedback from the Commission.

7. Ms. Guthy would like the Commission to revisit its goals and strategic plan at an upcoming meeting. Ms. Guthy would like Ms. Santangelo and Ms. Bell to work on a letterhead for the Commission.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Korn. Mr. Frey seconded the motion to adjourn.

Members voted by roll call vote:

Ms. Korn voted aye

Mr. Frey voted aye

Ms. Bell voted aye

Ms. Guthy voted aye

Ms. Kline voted aye

Motion passed by roll call vote 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.