



## **Sudbury Commission on Disability Transition Plan of July 2021 Subcommittee**

### **Minute**

**Friday, September 23, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

### **Open Meeting**

1. At 9:09 AM Liesje noted a quorum present and took roll call. Karyn Jones, Kay Bell, and Liesje Quinto – present. Also present Interim Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau and Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran.
2. Liesje read virtual meeting protocols.
3. Kay volunteered to do the minutes.
4. Kay noted that the newly assigned Liaison from the Council on Aging, Marilyn Tromer, was in attendance in the audience and offered a brief welcome.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the July 27, 2022 Transition Plan of July 2021 were shown by Kay, who produced them. Liesje moved and Karyn seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Discussion / Action**

1. Sandra Duran, Combined Facilities Director, showed what the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) online grant application looks like. The text for the fields is to be compose in advance and pasted in.
2. Sandra then showed draft content for three distinct projects for grant applications: Accessible water fountain/bottle filler appliances, accessible routes into recreation fields, and assisted listening devices and technology of different types.
3. **Accessible water fountain/bottle filler appliances:** About \$5000 each. Nineteen at various locations in schools and town buildings with one to be located outdoors at Haskell Field.
4. **Accessible routes into recreation fields:** Some will be paved paths, others crushed packed granite. Variety of locations. Feeley Field is already in a Park and Recreation Department project, so will not be in this project.

5. **Assisted listening devices and technology:** Hearing loop technology (wire in walls of a room that cast the sound to cochlear implants, hearing aids, and listening devices) and other wireless hearing technology are involved. Meeting and gathering spaces (e.g. Curtis Middles School auditorium)
6. Sandra showed slides depicting the results of the funds voted at May Town Meeting 2022 for sink replacements at Noyes. Also work on an egress route there that is now accessible for emergency evacuation. There were pictures of an art room sink to be improved, alternate accessible entrances/exits at the community center construction site, adjustments to grab bars and dispensers as an example of making bathrooms truly compliant, and even the height change of a urinal for the same purpose. Karyn and others expressed appreciation of this progress.
7. If letters of support are to be written they are needed ASAP. Deadline for submission is September 30. The whole Commission on Disability (COD) would need to vote to do so. COD meets on Wednesday September 28 at 7:00 PM.
8. Maryanne suggested that reminding MOD that Sudbury has applied for Planning grants and for an Improvement grant in the past without success. She was told that in the pool of applicants Sudbury is seen as a wealthy town.
9. Kay said that at the May COD meeting Jeff Dougan, Assistant director for Community Services at MOD, came to present on the role of CODs. When asked about Sudbury's eligibility for an MOD grant (with the reminder that we'd applied before and never won a grant) Mr. Dougan suggested explaining that explicitly in the application.
10. Kay pointed out that Sudbury took full financial responsibility for obtaining a Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, contracting with the top-notch professionals at the Institute for Human Centered design.
11. Members of the Transition Plan Subcommittee will each draft a letter to be available for working on if the COD votes in favor at that meeting. Water fountains – Karyn; accessible routes to fields – Liesje; hearing technology – Kay.
12. Liesje needed to leave the meeting at 10:00 AM.

### **Close Meeting**

1. Future meeting dates: TBD
2. Future agenda items: TBD
3. Adjournment: Karyn moved and Kay seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Kay adjourned the meeting at 10:03 AM.