

# **Sudbury Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes**

April 3, 2024

## **Open Meeting (10 minutes)**

Cameron LaHaise, Chair, called the virtual meeting to order with roll call at 7:33pm.

Members present : Cheryl Wallace, Karyn Jones

Cameron read remote meeting protocols. Karyn was selected to take meeting minutes.

Cameron gave the opportunity for public comment.

Kay Bell, 348 Lancaster Road, had a conversation with a member of the public. She is doing public comment to relay the conversation to the Committee. Kay reported that accessibility features of Bruce Freeman Rail Trail are great due to the strict standards of the Department of Transportation. The Central Mass Rail Trail is overseen by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, but it hasn't had the time or development to ensure that trail is accessible. Kay suggested the Committee could need support/suggestions on how to make Central Mass Rail Trail more accessible.

## **Action Items and Discussion**

### **Updates (10 Minutes)**

**Transportation Committee (Cheryl)** - Catch Connect will start July 1, 2024

**Harvard, MA COD (Cameron)** - Harvard, MA COD reached out to understand how we operate and our relationship with the schools. Cameron had a really great conversation with the members and invited them to attend the "Strategies for Disability Inclusion" event on April 10.

**New Facebook Page, "Sudbury Access Avenue"** - Kay Bell, Sudbury resident, started a Facebook page called "Sudbury Access Avenue" to provide resources about inclusion and events that are inclusive.

### **Action Items (45 Minutes)**

**Meeting Minutes** - Cheryl made a motion to approve December 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Karyn seconds. The motion was carried unanimously.

Karyn made a motion to approve March 6, 2024 meeting minutes. Cameron seconds. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Strategies for Disability Inclusion - Creating an Inclusive Culture for All** - Sixty-one people have registered for the event through the Goodnow Library's registration process.

Cameron spoke with Lisa Drennan of MERGE Diverse Abilities Inclusion Consulting about final logistics.

COD was able to secure two sponsors for the event equaling \$1,000. Karyn will be purchasing beverages and snacks for the event. Marketing efforts for the event are underway.

**Additional Upcoming Events-** We have been invited to attend Earth Day (April 20), Family Pride Day (June 9), and Spring Fest (June 22.) After discussion, Cameron will email the town to say we can support by having Cheryl there to help, but we don't have the materials to set up a sensory room.

It is unclear if Pride Day has been canceled or not. Cameron will email organizers to double check.

Cheryl will plan to attend the Spring Festival with Liesje and bring materials (bubbles) that we purchased for the Fall Festival, which was canceled.

### **Close Meeting (10 minutes)**

Accessible Trick-or-Treat will be added to a future agenda so we can start planning.

Cameron will email all members to see if May 1 and June 5 work for upcoming COD meetings.

We will likely have an update from Sandra Duran regarding the awarded grant and other town updates at the next meeting.

Cameron will talk to the Town Manager about COD membership and applicants who have applied.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Karyn, seconded by Cheryl, unanimously approved by roll call vote at 8:31pm.

Minutes submitted by Karyn Jones.