



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

NOTICE OF MEETING

February 7th, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89132851063?pwd=UFQ0WXk4dDAvNnRnajlVa1ZlOE1ZUT09>

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Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Marie Rej with 9 in attendance.

In attendance:

Marie Traniello Rej

Lorna Davidson-Connelly

Levonne Coughlin

Kate Staiti

Lois Benjamin

Darci Burns

Paula Thompson

Kristine Bardol

Janice Mirabassi

Members not in attendance:

Bella Schwartzberg

Pledge Allegiance Pledge was stated by the committee.

Mission Statement – “Our mission is to address the needs and concerns of our disabled residents and provide their full participation in the activities and services of Wakefield.”

Public Participation: *Ed Dombroski, William Renault, Mehreen Butt, and Jennifer McDonald*

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2022 *Lois made the motion and Darci seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the 1/24/2022 meeting.*



Financial Report as of February 7, 2022

Old/New Business

Summaries, discussions and updates

- Jenn McDonald – discuss online registration for IL, she will post our invitation as a news item on the town website, she will send us the email list for other commissions in town, Levonne will send over the invitation file to her.
- Bill Renault –
 - ARPA funding- Commission had suggested an accessible park equipment (specifically a swing at the lower common), right now several parks in town have accessible items, upgrades and replacements to school and park playground equipment is being ordered, it was suggested that we add the location of accessible playground equipment to the commission website. Paula reminded that commission that housing options for the disabled is very important and shouldn't be forgotten about as we look to allocate funds.
 - AARP grant information: Does not appear to be a grant that would grant us the amount of funds the Town needs to improve accessibility.
 - Voting concerns- Bill has reached out to B. Sheeran in regards to the complaint regarding the last town election regarding ADA compliance, Marie suggested a checklist for Town Elections that would help make the set up compliant. Mr. Dombroski asked about the doors on the side of the building (if they caused an issue for anyone). The door is not automated, was a far walk from the parking lot and wasn't well lit. The plan for the April election is to use the front doors, which are more accessible.
 - Floral Way pathway update - A concern was raised about keeping the aesthetic of the path similar to the original path. Bill is looking at which material would be best suited for the surface, one that is safe, keeping it accessible, and is not too erosive due to the slope of the path.
 - Lois asked about having closed captioning for WCAT. There is an expense related to having closed captions, so a funding source would need to be secured. Bill is going to talk to WCAT about options for providing this. She also reported that the 137 bus stop near at Main and Water streets (near Farmland) did not have snow removed at the stops.
- Envision Project is looking to upgrade the sidewalk, road, and parking area around the post office, library, upper common and rockery (reported by Mr. Dombroski). Marie informed

him that we are working on getting an accessible door at the front entrance of the post office.

- Update on Intelligent Lives including invitational flier, and tasks - Darci is going to reach out to Market Basket regarding a panelist, Paula reported that she has connected with a person that will be a panelist, we will start emailing out the invitation in early March.

Wrap-up Next Meeting March 7, 2022

Motion to Adjourn *Lois made the motion, Kristen seconded it, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted by L Coughlin, Secretary