



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

NOTICE OF MEETING

November 02nd, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96332639246?pwd=dS9kSWZSbVFPZnc5Z1JiZ2FzN0IOUT09>

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Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02.

Pledge Allegiance if flag is available

The committee state the pledge of allegiance.

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

Bill Renault, the town engineer participated in the meeting. He shared that the town received a grant to help town buildings become more ADA approved. Bill will share the name of the grant. The grant funds an assessment of the buildings and then fund fixing items that are not ADA compliant. A consultant will conduct the needs assessment.

Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2020 meeting

Lorna made a motion to approve the minutes from the 10/5 meeting.

Cheri seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Financial Report as of October 31, 2020

Lois shared the budget total 11, 500.25, same as last month.

Old/New Business

- Follow –up on any potential voting problems related to disabilities.



Marie communicated with town officials regarding handicap parking positions.

- Discussion from Disability Summit Attendees

Maeve plans to attend the summit. The summit will be postponed.

- Discuss Commission Goals and By-Laws as a result Jeff Duggan's presentation

Bill is not aware of bylaws for the disability committee. On Wakefield town code site there are some committees that have by-laws. The committee discussed the pros and cons of having bylaws. Currently, there are limits to members and terms for the members but we are not sure where those laws live. We will ask Jeff for an example of bylaws for other committees.

- Communication access questions and suggestions --- Maeve Conway

It is recommended that we make our meetings more accessible to the deaf community. Utilizing closed caption for our zoom meetings. Maybe utilizing CART for future meetings. Marie will reach out regarding zoom features that we have to utilize the closed caption.

- Sidewalk access for mobility access on trash days on certain streets ----- Lorna D-C

Lorna pointed out that on trash and recycle day that there are barrels blocking sidewalks that impact the ability to walk on sidewalk. Montrose Ave is an example where the sidewalk goes directly to the street and therefore trash barrels are sitting on the sidewalk and blocking the ability to walk easily on sidewalk.

- Any update on WCAT and POST program

POST students went to Salem and a WCAT student went along and collected video and have conducted interviews. WCAT is putting together a video highlighting the program.

- Creation of a WCoD banner to be used for any function promoting awareness of the Commission

Purchasing a 6ft banner for events. A banner made of heavy material with a piece that goes on top of the table and then a piece that goes in front with our name on it. T-Stop is a place to purchase the banner. Lois and Levonne will investigate what is available and costs.

- Is there a possibility of being able to present Intelligent Lives via a Zoom access?

Paula shared that we cannot do the Intelligent lives via Zoom because of copyright laws.

Wrap-up Next Meeting December 7, 2020

Motion to Adjourn

Lois made motion to adjourn. Paula seconded the motion at 8:04

Respectfully Submitted by Lorna Davidson-Connelly, Co-chair