



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

NOTICE OF MEETING

January 04th, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91762932094?pwd=VEJseEdPVVlxYVBoQ3FyaTBLN1ILQT09>

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Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02.

Pledge Allegiance if flag is available

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

Leslie from the public shared her concern about parking restrictions due to outdoor eating from the restaurants. Also shared her concern that she did not hear back from anyone on our committee regarding her emails. We will follow-up with Sherri Dalton about how the minutes are posted to the website for public access.

Timeline of events related to Leslie's complaint:

A timeline of events for our information:

- *Lesley's first email was sent on 6/28/20 but it appears she received no response*
- *Her follow up email was sent on 7/2/20 and Steve Maio responded that he would investigate*
- *7/20/20 Sherri Dalton advises Marie and Lorna of the new Commission email through the town*
- *7/22/20 Lesley's emails begin to be received in the Commission's official email. She references her original email to us on June 28th and July 2 which were never received because it was sent to an incorrect email address (wcdi@wakefield.ma.us).*

Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2020 meeting



Paula made the motion and Darci seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December 7th meeting.

Financial Report as of December 31, 2020

Lois reported that no new funds have been added to the account.

Old/New Business

- Disability traffic signs - Paula

Marie did not hear from the family regarding the signage on their road. Committee considers this action item complete for now.

- Website update – Maeve & Paula

Maeve and Paula met with Ms. McDonald regarding the website and developed some brief categories to organize the resources. They will share a draft at next month's meeting.

- Closed Captioning – Maeve

Committee reaches out to the ADA coordinator-William Renault and he will coordinate the effort. There is money in the town budget to pay for this.

- Sidewalk issue on Vernon St. near Dolbeare School

Maeve shared that they put in a new curb cut Vernon, Mansfield and sesame. It is getting really muddy and icy in those areas could be looked into. Bill reported that a there is a new contract to address the new curb ramps and will be redone to build new sidewalks. There will be a new sidewalk from Sesame to Townline road.

- Continue discussion related to Intelligent Lives

We can do it over Zoom and maybe a Tuesday or Wednesday night would be good if we need to use the Communitas Zoom unless we need to use the town account. We will confirm with Sherri if we need to use the town Zoom account. We will try for 4/13 or 4/15. We will discuss panel and discussion activity to conduct after the meeting utilizing the different features in Zoom.

- Update on Banner

Lois shared an example of the banner that the T-stop can create for our events. The committee is recommending to change the name to Commission on Disabilities. Bill will look into the process for changing our names.

- Goals and By-laws

We do not have specific goals and by-laws for our commission. A decision has to be made about whether we want to work with town council to write up by-laws with town council. Bill recommends that make adjustments to the current charter vs writing by-laws. We will make a formal decision and vote on this at the next meeting when Levonne is in attendance.

Wrap-up Next Meeting February 1, 2021

Motion to Adjourn

Marie made the motion and Lorna seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26.

Respectfully Submitted by Marie Rej and Lorna Davidson-Connelly, Co-chairs