



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

NOTICE OF MEETING

December 7th, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89309255803?pwd=Mm9VNlcySnR0Y25BRFE5T3FkQT09>

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Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Marie at 7:03.

Pledge Allegiance if flag is available

The committee said the Pledge

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.”

Marie read the mission statement for the committee.

Public Participation

Chris Carino – Albion Cultural Exchange

Chris reported on the grant the art center received to ensure that it is accessible. The building was built on 1910. In the last year, new bathrooms, fully ADA compliant, wheel chair accessible were installed. Next, working on entrance to be more accessible from the Chestnut Street side of the building. Elevator, artist work spaces and classrooms on the top floor and storage in the basement. They are about to go out to bid for the construction on the new entrance including a new automatic door. Funding for updating the Albion street entrance will need to happen at a later date due to funding issues and the magnitude of the project. The committee believes the decisions made so far to make the building more accessible were appropriate. The goal is to make the back entrance a more appealing main entrance for the building. Signage will be used to identify the rear entrance. Maeve confirmed that the edges or change in grade will be identified by a bright color. Chris will invite the committee to visit the site and provide feedback.

Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2020 meeting



Darci made the motion to approve the minutes and Lorna seconded the motion. All members voted yes to approve the minutes.

Financial Report as of November 30, 2020

No updates on the financials as Lois was not in attendance. The committee does not anticipate any changes since last meeting.

Old/New Business

- View P.O.S.T Academy film created by WCAT
We watched the video about the P.O.S.T. program. The program currently has reduced activities and capacity due to COVID. Students from Reading, Wakefield and Stoneham currently participate.
- Potential for Sign Language Interpreter at Town Meetings?
Lois was approached about having a sign language interpreter for the meetings because it was difficult to follow and hear the people speaking at the meeting. Communication access to meetings request would need to be made two weeks in advance. What steps could we take to ensure there is an interpreter for Town Meeting? Reach out to Steve Maio to assess community members needs prior to Town Meeting so that we can provide access. Identify what assistive technology is available at the Galvin?
- Creation of a WCoD banner to be used for any function promoting awareness of the Commission – Discussion on pricing, design

Lois:

Went to T Stop Under, \$90 5'x2 1/2 and overlap grommets all the Wakefield Town Seal, 5ft x 2 1/2. Band Stand Flap on the side of the table. Dan mentioned he could have a proof made. The banner would be vinyl. This would be checked out by you before it is Made at T Stop in Wakefield.

Levonne:

I spoke with Matt from New England Flag and Banner about our banner. Here are the quotes I got- \$295 -\$350 for a 6 x 2 1/2 foot banner with hand sewn applications including lettering and the twin seal or the bandstand silhouette. \$150-\$200 for the same size printed banner.

- Review list of resources compiled by Paula Thompson for inclusion on Commission's website

Maeve and Paula is going to organize the links and share with Jen McDonald to be posted on our webpage.

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

The town newsletter will have a message about not blocking sidewalks with garbage cans.

We discussed the need for the signage for the child on Bateman Court to slow traffic. Paula will get photos of the signs in Reading and Woburn. Marie will send an email to the family.

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

We will brainstorm and plan for this at our next meeting.

Wrap-up Next Meeting January 4, 2020

Motion to Adjourn

Paula made the motion to adjourn. Lorna seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:43.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorna Davidson-Connelly, Co-chair