

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Public Library – Genealogy Meeting Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Megan Sommer (Chairperson), Linda Fulton (Vice-Chairperson), Jeffrey Dougan (Secretary), and Jamie Coleman.

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY: Athena Brodsky (Treasurer)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

GUEST(s): Steven Leitch – Northern Oak Landscape Architect

1. **Call to Order.**

- Chairperson Megan Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM at Geology Meeting Room at the Public Library.

2. **Public Comment.**

- Since no public was present, this agenda item closed early.

3. **Acceptance of Past Minutes.**

- No changes suggested for April and May minutes.
- ***Mr. Dougan motioned to accept the April and May minutes, seconded by Ms. Fulton. Motion passed by roll-call vote: Ms. Sommer, Ms. Fulton, Mr. Dougan and Mr. Coleman – Affirmative, Ms. Brodsky – Abstained.***

4. **Outdoor Library Project.**

- Mr. Leitch shared overview of project. COD members discussed accessibility elements such as path of travel, slopes, and surfaces proposed. COD members also offered assistance as the project moves forward.

5. **CORSE Foundation Scholarship.**

- Ms. Sommer reached out; however, has not been able to make contact with the group about their request.
- Mr. Dougan motioned to allocate \$200 to CORSE once Ms. Sommer connects with them to be taken from COD operating budget. Seconded by Ms. Fulton. Motion passed unanimously through roll-call vote.

6. **Accessibility Awareness Event.**

- Discussed planning of event.
- Ms. Sommer reached out to the Parish Hall and she is awaiting response for a Saturday in March of 2020. Once confirmed, logistics of event can be worked out.

7. **Library of Things Donation.**
 - Ms. Sommer explained the “C-Pens” were purchased. Town is in possession and will be given to the Library.
 - Ms. Brodsky discussed potential publicity options, such as Scituate Mariner, Facebook and other avenues. Ms. Sommer and Ms. Brodsky will work on coordinating something and report back to the members.

8. **Access Plan Review Report.**
 - **Wompatuck Playground:**
 - Mr. Dougan sought input from members to see about making a donation to this current project.
 - ***Motion by Ms. Brodsky to donate \$1500 towards the purchase of an accessible swing and accessible parking to be allocated from COD’s operating budget. Seconded by Ms. Fulton. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.***
 - Mr. Dougan agreed to contact project organizer and relay response to Ms. Sommer.
 - **Front Street Accessible Parking:**
 - Ms. Sommer explained that she has been contacted by a local business regarding on-street accessible parking. The business has made previous requests for the addition of a space; however, one has never been installed. The COD wants to review the draft Self-Evaluation and Transition plan to see what proposals are being made related to on-street parking before conducting outreach related to this.
 - Ms. Sommer explained she will reach out to the business to let them know we are in support of their request but want to see what the “plan” may propose.
 - **Disability Access Consultants:**
 - Ms. Sommer is coordinating a call-in/meeting with the consultants who have produced the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the Town of Scituate to review.

9. **CoD Public Relations.**
 - The COD discussed public outreach options such as local cable, Scituate Mariner, and other avenues to promote the COD’s efforts. Ms. Fulton will report back at next meeting.

10. **Treasurer’s Report.**
 - Ms. Brodsky reported that the General Fund has a balance of \$\$4,050; 22G Fund has a balance of \$5,080; and the Gift Fund has a balance of \$0.
 - ***Mr. Dougan motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Ms. Fulton. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.***

11. **Matters not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance.**

● **Wampatuck State Park – Playground:**

- Mr. Coleman explained that he was contacted about a renovation to a large playground and its accessible elements. Mr. Coleman wants to see if the COD may make a donation, as the State Park does have a piece in Scituate, to this project.
- ***Mr. Coleman motioned to donate \$500 from the COD operating budget for access improvements to the playground. Seconded by Mr. Dougan. Motion passed unanimously through roll-call vote.***

● **Library – Assistive Listening Devices (ALD's):**

- Ms. Sommer explained that the Library Director has approached the COD to see about assisting in the purchase of ALD's for the Library.
- ***Mr. Dougan motioned to donate up to \$1,800 from the COD operating budget to fund 2 "Ankor" ALD systems for the Library. Seconded by Ms. Fulton. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.***
- Ms. Brodsky will notify the Library about the process of the donation.

12. **Adjournment.**

- ***Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Dougan. Seconded by Ms. Fulton. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.***

Next Meeting will be on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the conference room of the Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey L. Dougan