

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 7pm

Virtual Meeting – Zoom.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Due to COVID-19 and the updates to the Open Meeting Law, this meeting was held virtually, and members were present via Zoom.

**MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY:** **MS** - Megan Sommer (Chairperson), **LF** – Linda Fulton (Vice-Chairperson), **AB** - Athena Brodsky (Treasurer), **JD** - Jeffrey Dougan (Secretary), **JC** - Jamie Coleman (member), and **ED** - Eric Donovan (member).

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

**GUEST(s):** N/A

1. **Call to Order.**

- Chairperson Megan Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM via Zoom.

2. **Public Comment.**

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

3. **Acceptance of Past Minutes.**

- ***AB motioned to accept both the February and March meeting minutes. Seconded by JC. Motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.***

4. **Wilmington CoD Public Outreach.**

- MS explained that she was contacted by the Wilmington CoD about a new tv/online show they do. MS discussed exploring the availability of sharing their show on SCTV.

5. **Pier 44.**

- MS discussed that there is a feasibility and “use” committee (SHARC) that the COD has a seat at. MS was asking for volunteers and both ED and JD offered to assist, but both may not be able to commit full-time. If the COD can have 2 members, but 1 vote, both ED and JD would serve.
- ***AB motioned that ED and JD serve as co-members of the SHARC. Seconded by JD. Motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.***

6. **Central Park Walkway.**

- MS received a call of concern related to the newly resurfaced walkway that serves Central Park along with the Lawson Green apartments. The slopes, surfaces and existing sidewalks were part of the concerns raised. MS shared photo's with JD and JD and ED will arrange a time to look over the walks and report back at the next COD meeting.

7. **Book Donation.**
  - \$500 for books (standard/LP/Audio) has been allocated to the Public Library. The need and selections are being looked at to see what items to purchase. The Library is looking to the local vendor's inventory first and will expand search if needed\*\*\*.
  
8. **SHS Thank You Notes:**
  - MS shared the thank you notes and pictures that were provided to the COD for the donation. JC will reach out to the Patriot Ledger to see if something can be mentioned in the paper.
  - LF agreed to look into having the personalized thank you notes displayed in Town Hall.
  
9. **Architectural Plan Reviews.**
  - a) Public Library – New Walk to Pocket Park – JD indicated that there was nothing new to report.
  - b) Widow's Walk Improvements – JD indicated that there was nothing new to report.
  
10. **CoD Election:**
  - MS mentioned elections for CoD Officers is due to happen in either June or July.
  - ***AB motioned to hold elections in June. Seconded by JD. Motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.***
  
11. **Treasurer's Report.**
  - AB reported the General Fund has a balance of \$5000; the Parking Fine Account has a balance of \$5417.60; and the Gift Fund Account has a balance of \$0.
  - ***JD motioned to accept the report, seconded by LF. Motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.***
  - ***LF motioned to allocated up to \$2000 from the FY21 budget to the Recreation Department for use towards adaptive programming to be used for supplies, equipment, and marketing. Seconded by JD. Motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.***
  - ***AB motioned to provide up to \$500 from the FY21 budget to the Special Education Department for the purchase of equipment they may need. Seconded by JC. Motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.***
  
12. **Clear Mask Money:**
  - The monies used by the CoD to purchase and provide "clear-masks" to Town Departments has been "returned" to the CoD as the funding from the COVID-19 Grants that Scituate was able to take advantage of.

13. **HP Parking Fine Spending Ideas.**

- AB agreed to reach out to the Scituate Special Olympics to see if there's a financial need and report back.
- ***\*\*\* AB motioned to increase the offered funds to the Public Library (see item 7 above) from \$500 to \$1,000 for book purchases and other media. Seconded by LF. Motioned passed unanimously via roll-call vote.***

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

- AB mentioned that she attended the "Code of Conduct" training on behalf of the CoD.
- AB raised an access concern related to the curb cut near the accessible parking in the retail complex in North Scituate (across from Post Office/near Cerci's). JD agreed to review and report back at the next meeting.

15. **Adjournment.**

- ***AB motioned to adjourn. Seconded by ED. Motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.***
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm. We anticipate this to be held virtually.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Dougan  
Secretary