

COD Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2021

Meeting to order: 6:10pm

In attendance: Chairperson Mike McCue, Rose-Marie Bissonnette, Lorry Doucet, Daryl Blaney, Lesley Allison; Volunteers: Christine Dynan, Pat McGuire; Guests: Heather Lennon, Linnea Servey, John Farnsworth, Dan Kershaw (Eagle Scout candidate), Mike Kershaw, John Aurin (Scoutmaster, Lancaster Troop 1), Andrea Shepherd (Lancaster Recreation Director)

1. February 2021 meeting meetings were approved with 2 small corrections.
2. Lancaster Covid 19 vaccine update: The Nashoba Boards of Health have only received 100 doses a week which were designated to be divided among the 16 towns in the area based on population. There has been a lot of confusion on the vaccine rollout. A Lancaster homebound list has been developed by the Lancaster Board of Health in coordination with Mike Hanson for future in home vaccination distribution. Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is asking for homebound surveys from the towns later this month. The DPH is requesting patience as statewide plans are being implemented. The 211 system is working better than it had been and it appears Thursday mornings are the best time to access the system.
3. Gazebo ramp presentation: Eagle Scout candidate, Dan Kershaw, presented his ramp design to the COD for comment and approval. The COD approved the proposed design. Mike will forward the presentation to Orlando and the Select Board.
4. Recreation updates:
 - a. Playground swing: Andrea Shepherd, Recreation Committee Director, presented information about an accessible swing option she has researched.
 - b. The accessible beach chair will be advertised in early June including a sign at the beach and photos on the COD Facebook page.
5. Town website: Christine Dynan will get involved in accessibility assessment research of the town website. ACTION ITEM: Lesley to contact Christine and share info regarding Civic Plus contact.
6. Library handicapped parking sign: Kevin Bartlett reports they haven't been able to get to it because of frost line and snow pile.
7. Outreach to businesses for accessibility: ACTION ITEM: Mike requested that Lesley update the Excel spreadsheet to add the following 1) the library parking sign; 2) Salon 19.
8. Signing at town meetings: Mike consulted with the MOD and will communicate the updated information to Orlando.
9. Salon 19 : The salon had been in communication with Mike and indicated they would start modifications for an accessible entrance in the spring.
10. Outreach initiative: Rose and Pat need more time to formulate questions. There is a lot of weeding out of questions that need to take place. They will take a focused effort to present something next meeting.
11. Lancaster COD Annual report: Mike has completed the report. It was approved by the COD for submission to the town clerk.

12. Mike met with the newly formed town of Harvard COD gave offered advice regarding priorities for the Commission.

Meeting adjourned: 8:21pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison