

COD Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021

Meeting called to order: 6:03pm

Present: Mike McCue, Rose-Marie Bissonnette, Daryl Blaney, Lorry Doucet, Lesley Allison;
volunteers: Christine Dynan, Pat Maguire

1. Minutes- Lesley has not completed her note revisions for the April minutes. She will catch up this week and we will review in the June meeting.
2. Town matters.
 - a. Town meeting- It has been postponed to June 21st. Alix has enquired about accessibility for the meeting. She did not communicate specific concerns. A COD discussion determined possible accessible concerns for the outdoor meeting venue at the Lancaster Fairgrounds which include: access to a porta potty; accessible parking; and access to the microphone. Mike will bring these discussion points to Alix and Orlando. Christine could post information about the accessibility of the town meeting on Facebook via the COD page and the two Lancaster pages.
 - b. Gazebo ramp- Unfortunately, the Boy Scout has lost interest in completing the project. He did complete the most updated and recommended design plans as per a meeting with Tony Zahariadis. Mike has forwarded the design to Orlando. Orlando is looking into options on how to have the project completed. Does Tony Z know anyone who may have the skills to assist with construction? Perhaps a Facebook post could be created to facilitate interest in volunteers for the project.
 - c. Beach chair- A photo should be taken with Mike, Orlando, and Andrea at the beach for posting on the website and Facebook pages.
 - d. Accessible swing- The swing has been hung! Perhaps a photo of the swing could be combined with the beach chair photo for a media article in The Item. Mike can have his marketing team prepare a news release.
 - e. Town Website- Orlando is reviewing the website with another company. He will get back to Mike and Christine on the findings of the review.
3. Action Item Status- Lesley still needs to create the new project tracking Excel sheet.
4. COD outreach initiative- Rose has not had time to update the survey. Mike suggested that we should get the newly elected planning board involved in the survey to increase the success of the initiative.
5. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM)- A group discussion took place reviewing last year's LAAM initiatives. We also started to brainstorm ideas for the LAAM efforts of 2021. Ideas discussed were as follows: a theme of disability etiquette; accepting and interacting with those with disabilities; a meet and greet between the general public and a group of disabled individuals; learning how to accept the differences

of others. ACTION ITEM: The COD group should brainstorm additional ideas for 2021 LAAM to bring to the next meeting. Christine to generate a list.

6. Other-

- a. Daryl communicated the sad news of the passing of our commission member, Carolyn Stump.
- b. Summer Star Wildlife is an accessible trail in Boylston that Rose read about. It is located at 690 Lindon Street and she plans to pay it a visit.

Meeting adjourned: 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison