

Lancaster Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2014

Due to weather – meeting was changed from Jan 21 to Jan 22, 2014

Members Present: Chairman, Mike McCue; Lesley Allison (after attending OSRC meeting), Rose Bissonnette, Marilyn Chambers, Sue Smith, Carolyn Stump. Absent Members: Daryl Blaney, Lorry Doucet

Meeting called to order at 6:10 by Mike McCue

1. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES FROM 12/18/2013 MEETING

- a. Changes to be made to 12/18/13 minutes by Marilyn after reviewed by Mike, Rose & Sue. To be approved at next meeting.

2. Town Matters: Town Beach, OSRC, Pellechia, LCC Elevator, and other updates

a. Town Beach

i. Revised Bath House Plans

- 1. Mike is to notify Noreen Piazza that the Commission accepts this plan with the revised Strike Jamb placement.

b. OSRC & TRAILS COALITION

- i. Mike expressed belief that Thayer Recreation Campus should be “park ADA compliant”. This was agreed by Commission.

- 1. Other town areas should not have new trails built until we have appropriate details. However, current trails/paths can be maintained, i.e. brush cleared, etc.

- ii. Mike reported he had some feedback from Milford, MA regarding their experience with trail development.

- iii. Mike said he had received from Lesley, information regarding a webinar, “The American Trails”, and he had also shared this with Daryl.

- iv. Parking and picnic areas, at trail entrance locations, should be ADA compliant as far as is practical, depending on the terrain.

- v. USDA “Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails” was received today and brought in by Lesley for the commission’s review. Lesley and Daryl will review the book first.

c. Pellechia

- i. Lesley, who just attended the OSRC meeting, reported that the Pellechia plan has been approved. OSRC anticipates project completion in the spring.

d. LLC Elevator

- i. Construction is under way
- ii. Mike has not received a copy of the AAB report that was due Jan 1, 2014
- iii. Mike to follow up to determine if report was done, and if so, to obtain status/copy of report.

e. Other Updates

- i. Tabled

3. Canvassing Summary Report
 - a. Summarization incomplete at this time, Lesley continues to work on this
4. Accessibility Awareness Month for Town of Lancaster, MA
 - a. October 2014 suggested as being the designated month
 - i. Numerous suggestions made to start development of a list of Ideas to be considered and choices made for implementation.
 - ii. Carolyn will send current list to members (via email) and members to send her additional ideas, if any, to be considered
 - iii. All agreed on requesting, at the appropriate time, that the Board of Selectmen issue a Proclamation declaring October as Accessibility Awareness Month for the Town of Lancaster, MA.
5. Other Issues
 - a. Annual Report
 - i. Submission ideas requested by Mike, as Report is due Feb 1, 2014
 1. Mike requests input, if any, by email this week
 - b. Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund
 - i. No new information at this time
 - c. Town Website
 - i. Tabled. Lesley is still working on submitting revised copy.
 - d. Town Hall Sign and Chair
 - i. Lesley reported that a sign indicating phone location, and a chair by the phone, is in place inside the Town Hall opposite the ramp door entrance.
 - e. Emergency Planning
 - i. Mike has not heard back from Mike Hanson on the status of the updated manual/plan.
 - f. Misc.

No items

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Stump, Minutes Secretary