

## Lancaster Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

LLC Center

October 21, 2014

Members Present: Mike McCue, Chairman; Rose Bissonnette, Daryl Blaney, Marilyn Chambers, Lorry Doucet, Sue Smith, and Carolyn Stump. Absent: Lesley Allison.

LLC Elevator Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony participation with Council on Aging took place at 6:00 pm, followed by a cake and sparkling cider reception in Senior Center by the COA.

Mike called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from September 16, 2014 Meeting
  - a) Minutes reviewed and were approved with edits.
2. Brief Overview of Town Matters
  - a) Mike stated that he had further reinvestigated the issue of Kimball's Handicapped Parking complaint, and found validity in the complaint. He also shared a photo of the complaint area and layout map of the property.
    - i) He will follow up with the Manager of Kimball's.
  - b) Thayer Field Campus reported (at Sept 23 meeting) that provisions for accessibility assistance were not utilized by the public at the Community Day Events in August. Various ideas were discussed for another year with a June Community Day date anticipated.
  - c) Sugar Bush Trails – Mike reported that Noreen Piazza said that P.J. Keating has offered to donate materials for this trails project.
  - d) New consignment shop by Lancaster Post Office (which is renting the space) has accessibility issues, including no ramp in the front, only in the back. There are other issues also, according to Mike.
  - e) Mike expressed the need for the COD to be part of the upfront review and approval process for any business or public building proposal in town.
  - f) Ad Hoc Town Center Building Committee formation is being worked on still.

3. Accessibility Awareness Month, task document review / status etc.
  - a) Worcester Telegram Sept 5 issue had 2 photos of October 4, 2014 Lancaster Accessibility Walk with story
  - b) Noted Press articles included: October 4 Event: Clinton Item, Oct 3; and Telegram Oct 5.
  - c) Discussed writing a post presentation news story for *The Nurse Carpenter* Program Oct 22.
  - d) Certificates for 3 Accessible Businesses were discussed.
    - i) Mike to follow up with businesses and certificates to be awarded.  
Candidates nominated for the recognition certificates included Harper's Farm & Garden, either Workers Credit Union or Hometown Bank, and possibly Sandees Restaurant. Mike requested the COD to advise or recommend otherwise within several days.
4. Other / Misc.
  - a) "Thank You" notes
  - b) Budget details available for next meeting
  - c) Post-Events critique next meeting

Meeting adjourned 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Stump, Minutes Secretary

