

Lancaster Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014

Senior Center LLC Building

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

Mike called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES FROM 10/21/14 MEETING
 - a. Minutes from 10/21/14 meeting reviewed and were approved.
2. TOWN MATTERS: Kimball Farm, Tech Team Meeting, Bartlett, New COD Liaison
 - a. Kimball Farm
 - i. Mike shared letter dated 11/14/14 from the AAB stating that Kimball Farm is in compliance.
 1. Mike plans to contest this decision by the AAB. Mike stated that “though information submitted in the letter from the Kimball Farm Manager to the AAB was correct.” However, Mike said he “feels there were omissions in the letter to the AAB, by Kimball’s”.
 - ii. Mike stated he had discussed the situation with Mark Dempsey at AAB via phone, and also emailed Mr. Dempsey a photo of the area of concern. Mr. Dempsey will discuss the situation with his supervisor.
 - b. Tech Team Meeting (technical information of activities, needs of various departments etc.)
 - i. Mike will be attending a Tech Team Meeting chaired by Noreen Piazza
 - ii. Mike will report anything pertinent at our next meeting.

- c. Bartlett Pond
 - i. Marilyn will stop and view the status of the area and report findings at our next meeting.
 - d. New COD Liaison with BOS
 - i. Jennifer Leone
3. Accessibility Awareness Month
- a. Items remaining
 - i. Mike displayed 3 “Certificate of Recognition” framed awards for accessibility compliance at the following businesses.
 - 1. DAmbrosio Eye Care
 - 2. Harper’s Farm & Garden
 - 3. Workers Credit Union
 - ii. Mike will coordinate a time with Item Reporter, and requested that Rose then contact these 3 businesses to set up a time to meet with Mike & Reporter.
 - b. Post Wrap-up discussion summary
 - i. Pros: Event Day-wheelchairs/accessibility walk, Proclamation, first time awareness created lot of attention, large Lancaster Accessibility banners on Town Green, photos in newspaper, Nurse Carpenter Program etc.
 - ii. Cons: add some new activities, improve media communication, etc. Some businesses may feel “left out” of awards – need to get businesses aware & actively involved early, also MOD etc.
 - iii. Looking ahead: determine resident’s likes/dislikes of events, special interest guests, repeat some like Nurse Carpenter, etc.
 - c. Expenses
 - i. \$392.66 total per Mike McCue, Chairman
 - 1. Renzi Signs & Graphics
 - a. Banner for Disability Awareness - \$116.88
 - 2. One Time Vendor - Michael McCue - \$100.00

- a. Large Printed Sign for Disability Awareness - Renzi Signs & Graphics
- 3. One Time Vendor – Michael McCue - \$175.78
 - a. Misc Supplies for Disability Awareness
 - i. Paper & Printing full-color 8x11 Event Flyers, Resources List handouts, Booth Refreshments etc.
- 4. OTHER / MISC
 - a. AACT (Access Advisory Committee) & MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority)
 - i. Accessibility Summit 11/19/14 Boston, MA
 - b. US Fish & Wildlife Refuge Trails / Hadley, MA review
 - i. Daryl shared photos of “Silvio O. Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge Fort River Division” which he visited recently.
 - 1. Daryl will put these photos on a disc for Noreen Piazza.
 - c. Other
 - i. Rose shared that Sunday, July 26, 2015 is the Americans with Disabilities Act 25th Anniversary.
 - 1. Worcester is planning many commemorative events
 - a. At least 20 organizations were represented at the initial planning meeting
 - 2. Rose will keep us updated & requests any ideas we may like to see happen.

Respectfully submitted,