Lancaster Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes November 19, 2013

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

Meeting called to order by Lesley Allison at 6:00 pm

- 1. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES FROM 10/15/13 MEETING
 - a. Reviewed and approved.
- 2. TOWN MATTERS: TOWN BEACH, OSRC UPDATES
 - a. Town Beach
 - i. A Task Force has been formed under the Recreation Committee and is working on beach issues.
 - b. OSRC Updates
 - OSRC is reviewing its goals and trying to include relevant town committees. They request that a COD member be present at their meetings. Lesley will represent COD at the OSRC meetings.
- 3. Fall Canvassing & Pilot Summary Reports
 - a. Daryl reports that on Sunday "mostly 40ish couples" were found at home, though one house did have some concerns with driveway clearance in case of an emergency (after snow plows go by).
 - b. Lesley reported meeting a family with deaf issues unable to take part in public meetings
 - Lesley will follow up with Sue Thompson to see if a note could be included in one of her emails to residents requesting availability in town of any Sign Language Interpreters.
 - c. Code Red issue Mike to follow up with Chief Hansen
 - d. It was suggested instead of a new canvassing project, to follow up with Vera Davis and coordinate with her. Vera had indicated she thought there might be those that needed help in the Ponds area. Mike to follow up with Vera Davis.
 - e. Lesley is working on a Comprehensive Summary Report of Canvassing Activities that are completed.
- 4. Other Issues
 - a. Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund
 - i. Tabled
 - b. Town Website
 - i. Lelsey is still working on this.
 - c. Town Hall Sign (for phone location)
 - i. Lesley is still working on this.

- d. Emergency Planning
 - i. Tabled no information
- e. Misc.
 - i. Daryl reports that Bigelow Gardens has a Board of Directors, and Henry Richter is Chairman. Daryl will email Mike with Henry's phone number.
 - ii. Carolyn suggested that at the December meeting we discuss the idea of each member bringing various written suggestions, for Accessibility Awareness month activities, to the January meeting for review and discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Stump, Minutes Secretary