



COD Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2023

Members Present: Chairperson Mike McCue, Daryl Blaney, Rose Marie Bissonnette, Lesley Allison; Volunteers present: Jim Peters, Pat Maguire, Kathy Suits
Absent: Geno Brazeau

Meeting called to order: 6:03pm

1. Minutes: April minutes have not been completed and will be reviewed next month.
2. Town matters:
 - a. MART expansion proposal: Health and Human Services Coordinator Kelly Dolan hosted a meeting with MART representatives and a group of Lancaster leaders with a vested interest in this program. Mike McCue was present to represent the COD. The new program will service Lancaster, Sterling, and Lunenburg. It will provide transportation for residents to locations within 20 miles.
 - i. COD members and volunteers expressed the following questions and concerns:
 1. Driver training: Will drivers be able to handle the special needs for those with disabilities which may include assistance in and out of a vehicle, assistance in and out of the destinations?
 2. A checklist / screening should be employed by MART to determine any special needs or considerations.
 3. What will MART drivers not be able to do to assist residents?
 4. What will be the hours of operation of the services?
 - ii. ACTION ITEM: COD members and volunteers should pose questions about the program and forward to Mike within one week for consideration in general discussion with Kelly Dolan in a future meeting.
 - b. Emergency Preparedness Guide: Due to the successful passage of the Lancaster Town Budget for FY 23-24, the COD's Emergency Preparedness Guide will be mailed to all residents in 2023. Printing to be initiated in July.
 - c. Town Survey Results and Implementation: Mike has a meeting scheduled in June with Select Board Chair Steve Kerrigan and Town Administrator Kate Hodges to discuss and facilitate the implementation of the concerns expressed by residents on the survey conducted by the COD in 2021.
 - d. Lancaster public building accessibility: Daryl and Kathy have both been working on screening tools for use in the accessibility assessment of town buildings and businesses.

Meeting was adjourned: 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison

