

COD Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023



Present: Chair Mike McCue, Rose Marie Bissonette, Daryl Blaney, Lesley Allison, Geno Brazeau; Volunteers: Pat Maguire, Jim Peters, Bonnie, Kathy Suits.

Meeting called to order: 6:07pm

1. April and May 2023 Minutes were approved.
2. Town Matters:
 - a. Mike met with Town Administrator, Kate Hodges and Director of Health and Human Services, Kelly Dolan and discussed the following:
 - i. MART transportation expansion: The project is on hold at the moment.
 - ii. Town Survey results: LCC renovations are being planned at this moment. Mike was told that Lancaster repairs 3 miles of sidewalk every year.
 - iii. Gazebo mat: Mike reminded Ms. Hodges that there is a mat that the town owns to be placed on the town green for accessible access to the gazebo.
 - iv. Ms Hodges mentioned that there may be an opportunity to move the COD office to the LCC.
 - v. Prescott Building Door accessible access: Kathy and Daryl have been investigating the accessible door access to the Prescott building. Unfortunately, it has been discovered that the automatic door opener is occasionally not working. Kate Hodges has requested to be notified if the door is not working.
3. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM):
 - a. Review of Last Year: Focus was Lancaster emergency preparation. Daryl spoke at Village Church. The library displayed the History of Disability posters. Lesley spoke briefly at the First Church Lancaster.
 - b. Ideas for LAAM 2023:
 - i. Consider Invisible disabilities. We have not used this as the main theme in the past
 - ii. Highlight the printing of the Emergency Preparation Guide. Consider a presentation or question and answer session. Take pieces of the guide and have different departments present a topic.
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. COD members and volunteers should research invisible disabilities or other ideas for LAAM and bring 3 ideas to pursue for our next meeting.
 - b. LCC tables and chairs: It was noted by Mike and Kathy that some tables and chairs in the LCC cafe do not appear to be accessible. Kathy will further investigate.
 - c. LCC parking - needs follow up
 - d. Town Hall handicapped parking- proposal was made in early June, will need follow up
 - e. Gazebo mat - proposal was made in June, will need follow up

- f. Website accessibility - Christine has not been available for Jim despite several attempts.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison