

COD Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023



Present: Chair Mike McCue, Lesley Allison, Geno Brazeau; Volunteers present: Kathy Suits, Jim Peters

Absent: Rose Marie Bissonette, Daryl Blaney

Meeting started: 6:16pm

1. The meeting minutes for June were reviewed and approved with minor changes.
2. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM): The following is the current list of ideas generated at this meeting:
 - a. Rose suggested an idea that was used by the Fitchburg Commission Disability - sensory sensitivity
 - b. Lesley's ideas
 - i. Joe Mule could host an interview podcast with 1-2 individuals with invisible disabilities
 - ii. Individual Disabilities Association
 1. <https://invisibleabilities.org/>
 2. Consider ordering pamphlets from the website
 3. Consider purchasing a couple of posters with the theme of Invisible disabilities to put on display in the library along with any appropriate portion of our previous poster display
 4. There are podcasts on this website that could be highlighted via various town email blasts (library, community center)
 - iii. Introduce the topic of LAAM via emails from Community Center and or in the Community Crier, and / or via the library emails.
 - c. TML involvement with LAAM will be key
 - d. Pat's ideas - Invisible Disability Week is October 15-21
 - e. Emergency Prep guide - will launch paper copy distribution during the month
 - f. LCC - get them involved, offer a speaker to the seniors, would need to advertise in the September cryer, emergency responders could answer questions about information in the guide
 - g. Address the schools
 - i. Educational experiences for teachers and / or substitutes.
 - ii. Trivium School
 - iii. Perkins / RFK
 - iv. South Lancaster Academy
 - v. MRE / LBMS
 - h. Lesley will summarize ideas and forward to the group for review
3. LCC
 - a. Feedback regarding accessibility of tables and chairs has been given to town administration

Meeting adjourned: 7:42pm

Respectfully submitted: Lesley Allison