

Lancaster Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2017

Present: Michael McCue/ Chair, Rose Bissonette, Daryl Blaney, Carolyn Stump,

Absent: Lesley Allison, Marilyn Chambers, Lorry Doucet

Meeting Called to Order 6:08 pm

1. Updated minutes of July meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. The commission reviewed photos that Daryl Blaney had recently taken of town recreation sites such as ballparks, conservation land etc., as part of request by Noreen Piazza to determine updated status of such sites, for the purpose of updating the town's Open Space & Recreation Plan to indicate needs for ADA compliance.

After reviewing, the commission determined that 95% of the sites are in status quo condition from earlier evaluations over the years and are non-ADA compliant. Chair McCue to report this to Noreen Piazza.

3. The commission discussed October Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM) at length to bring into focus the action items required to launch the month. Action items as follows were established:

- Chair McCue briefed commission on a discussion with Joe Mule of TML who would determine if an actor would be willing to perform a reenactment of Hellen Keller to generate interest during LAAM. The commission agreed it would be a good idea to pursue having the performance. Chair McCue to continue discussions and along with TML, plan and secure the event.
- Chair McCue to follow up with schools on soliciting their level of interest / involvement and ideas regarding student related activities for LAAM
- All COD members to solicit their respective church leaders to determine possibilities of involvement with LAAM
- Rose Bissonette to attain more detail on local cable TV interviews/ COD message possibilities.

4. Commission discussed the option of donating wheelchairs, scooters, walkers or other mobility device equipment for the purpose of refurbishing and donating. A referral can be made to Terri Ross who handles this.
5. Regarding other misc. matters, Rose Bissonette confirmed that subject to town guidelines & approval, MGL-5N law stating that veterans who volunteer for

an organized entity such as the LCOD, can realize a \$1,000.00 tax credit is correct.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. McCue,
Chair, LCOD