

COD 9/20/16 minutes

Called to order 6:22pm

Present Mike McCue, Daryl Blaney, Lorry Doucet, Rose Marie Bissonnette, Lesley Allison

Absent: Carolyn Stump, Marilyn Chambers

1. Minutes from August meeting approved.

2. Town matters

A. Planning board meeting discussed Thayer Park September 12th

B. Beach - handicapped porta potty was present this summer. It does not appear that changes to the building had been made. Lesley will check on the status of upgrades to the beach area. For what was H. Naughton going to advocate? What was the temporary plan for the indoor space and was it put into place?

C. Prescott - no one has heard of any updates

3. Tech team meeting - Thayer park - Mike brought up 6 points about accessibility.

Noreen's notes indicate that these issues have been noted and will be addressed.

Issues discussed including parking, park benches, bathrooms, amphitheater, and Braille signage. Windsor Heights - developer wanted a 6 lot subdivision but not feasible so trying for a 2 lot deal. Mike had expressed to the Tech Team the need for public access and HC accessibility to the Mary Rowlandson site.

4. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month: Booth at the Horse Shed Fair - October 1, 10-4: Arrive at 9 for set up. We do not have an official site assigned. Apaws service poodles will be coming again. High performance mobility device might be coming - not sure where we will have space. Geno is bring the tent. Lorry and Daryl have chairs.

History of Disability presentation - There is a link to the PDFs of each of the panels of a very unique display on the history of Disability. It is on the state of Alaska's website.

Alaska.gov. Mike will send us the link to the display and he had discussed the display with Karen S. of the library, who may use 2-4 posters that the COD will need to make.

Library - Therapy horse will appear at the library on October 19th. A Book display on disability will also be featured at the library.

Scouts – Should we add restroom access for handicapped / sign to Community Access Sheet? October 12 and October 26 are scheduled dates for Merit badge. Rose may help. Lesley continuing to coordinate for training of Boy Scouts on Community Access sheet. Boy Scouts are working on a Disability Awareness Badge in honor of Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month.

Health Fair - October 5 2-6pm? Lesley can do set up and take down and 2-250. And 5-6. Lorry can do 2-. Maybe Marilyn and Carolyn can provide coverage at the booth/ table?

Miscellaneous: Abilities expo - Mike showed photo of American flag with stars arranged in the shape of "handicap access" sign that he saw at the event. Can we make one for the table? The event featured Primarily High tech high performance mobility devices but many services and other interesting things were on display. Mike encouraged COD members to attend future Abilities Expo events.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lesley Allison