

Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2019

In Attendance: Chairman McCue, Rose-Marie Bissonnette, Lorry Doucet, Carolyn Stump, Daryl Blaney, Lesley Allison

Absent: Marilyn Chambers

Meeting called to order: 6:05 pm

1. Town matters:

- A. The ADA grant that Noreen had applied for the town was denied
- B. Netflix issued a check for \$500.00 to the town to replace the lost Accessibility Awareness Month banner
- C. Kimballs is getting fined by the AAB for not replying to their request for a parking plan for the Friday night "Cruise Night". Kimballs will not be allowed to have any more of these events unless they submit a plan.
- D. Kathy Suits offered leveling tools to COD. Chair McCue accepted.
- E. Goodridge Brook Estates: Chair McCue contacted Jeanne Rich, Chairperson of the Planning Board of Appeals, to discuss handicapped parking concerns at the development. Based on the Fair Housing Act, 2% of the spots are required for the lot.

2. Meeting Minutes were reviewed from December 2018. The minutes need amending and will be resubmitted for review.

3. Lesley working on a COD planning tracker to include:

- A. Emergency Preparedness: awaiting McCue and associates
- B. LAAM
- C. Town Census mailing (review in June -August submitting to town)
- D. Thayer field developments
- E. Beach
- F. Peleccia
- G. Gazebo ramp
- H. Mike's Diner parking
- I. Sandy's Diner parking
- J. Unified Health and Performance parking

4. Ideas for 2019

- A. The COD discussed getting back to a focus on accessibility of public spaces in the community.

- B. The COD plans to address attracting new members. Lesley will put announcements on Lancaster Facebook page. We could also add announcements in church bulletins.
- C. Chair McCue stressed the need to balance the commission's efforts, as there is limited time for the group to handle the amount of work and diligence required. The COD needs to consider how to focus and prioritize its efforts this year, and is considering a primary focus on evaluating accessibility in town.

5. Action items for next meeting: Lesley: A list of town businesses; Excel spreadsheet "COD tracker".

Adjourned: 8:04pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison