In Attendance: Daryl Blaney, Carolyn Stump, Rose Bissonnette, Mike McCue, Lesley Allison Absent: Lorry Doucet, Marilyn Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

1. Minutes were reviewed and amended from the December meeting.

2. Prescott Building:

Mike, Rose, Carolyn, and Marilyn attended a walk through of the building. Following the tour, Mike noted the emergency exit has stairs. (South side of building). No other accessibility issues were noted with the building. Mike will discuss further with Jeff Dougan to clarify the code for emergency exits when renovating "an existing building". Additional walk through of the building may occur on Wednesday 24th which a group from the COD will plan to attend.

3. Town census:

Some members of the committee have received and opened the mailing today. It was noted that the mailing does not have return instructions. It was also noted that there are questionnaires on both sides of the same sheet of paper.

4. 2018 COD planning initiatives:

Mike is working on the Annual Town report for 2017 Daryl may have photos from this year that can be included in the report. 2017 COD accomplishments include: ADA Training, Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM), Scouts outreach work, and the town census questionnaire. Ideas for 2018 include: Continue efforts via connection with the library; consider another joint effort with The College Church; LAAM; revisit emergency preparedness; outreach to regional meetings; consider group outing to the "Abilities Expo" in Boston or to another COD / regional meeting

5. Miscellaneous

Mike shared an article from a trade journal about composite materials. Mass transit is behind in accessibility. Composites can help due to their lightweight and sturdy properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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