

COD Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021

Present: Chairperson Mike McCue, Rose-Marie Bissonnette, Daryl Blaney, Lesley Allison, Pat Maguire (volunteer)

Meeting brought to order at 6:13pm

1. August COD Minutes were approved as written.
2. Town business:
 - a. Salon at 131 Main: Mike has been in touch via email with the owner of the property and expressed to him accessibility concerns. The owner reported difficulty in finding an available contractor to complete the needed work. Mike has noted the unusual layout of the property in which several of the businesses are located at an accessible level but the Salon is not. The accessible update would be challenging to complete. Coincidentally, Mike was also contacted by a town resident regarding a negative personal experience attempting to access Salon 131 with a family member. ACTION ITEM: Mike will follow up with Orlando, the building inspector and the town resident.
 - b. Gazebo: Orlando told Mike the materials for the ramp are on order. It is unclear if it will be built in October.
 - c. Board of Health Flu Shot Clinic: COD will not be present with a table or brochures because the commission decided that the clinic attendees would likely be focused on vaccinations only and not disability information.
3. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM)
 - a. Survey: The town of Lancaster is going to pay for the survey. It will be mailed out to residents in the month of October and will be returned to the town clerk. The letter may also be accessed as a download on the town website, and on the COD Facebook site. Action: Mike will discuss options with Orlando and John about online returns for the survey.
 - b. Library: The virtual version of the History of Disability exhibit will be posted again this year. The physical exhibit will be erected on 9/30.
 - c. First Church of Lancaster Unitarian : Lesley is in planning stages with church officials for a service that will include recognition of a Lancaster resident and a talk on Disability Etiquette. The proposed date is 10/3 but would be better if pushed back to a date later in the month.
 - d. Village Church: Daryl will be making a presentation on Disability Etiquette but a date has yet to be set.
 - e. College church: The October services are already booked and it is unclear if accessibility will be included or not.
 - f. ACTION ITEMS: Mike needs dates for church services ASAP for the news release and flyer.

g. Banner: Mike and Daryl will determine a date and time to erect the banner.

Meeting Adjourned 8:18pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison