

COD Minutes

March 20, 2018

Present: Mike McCue, Rose-Marie Bissonette, Daryl Blaney, Carolyn Stump, Marilyn Chambers, Lesley Allison, community volunteer -Lew
Absent: Lorry Doucet

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

1. Review of February were made minutes. Minutes were accepted with a minor change in sentence two.
2. Town matters:
 - a. There is no signage pointing to the main entrance of the Prescott building. This will confuse people on where the accessible entrances are. Appropriate signage should be posted at the blocked entrance on the front of the building facing the town green.
 - b. The Director of River Terrace Nursing Home contacted Chair McCue expressing interest in joining the COD. However, she is not a Lancaster resident and therefore can only serve the COD in a volunteer capacity.
 - c. A painter / artist will be renting a small space on the second floor of the old town hall. This may cause an issue down the road pertaining to the building's accessibility status for the public, as the old town hall is only accessible on the first floor.
3. Emergency preparedness:
 - a. The town has no fully accessible shelter due to the closure of the Atlantic Union College. Who is on the town's emergency preparedness team and what shelter alternative plans exist, if any?
 - b. There should be an emergency preparedness guide for Lancaster town residents including the disabled. The Mass. Office on Disability has started working on it's own Emergency preparedness guide for the disabled. The Commission discussed working on our own draft. The Lancaster COD will review existing available content from the internet and other sources, compile the data and add its own content to create a comprehensive guide. Daryl and Lesley are to complete internet searches, print out relevant information, and bring to the next meeting for review. Lesley to contact local FEMA contact to obtain relevant info.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Allison.