

| Commission on Disability Meeting minutes:
May 15, 2018

Present: Chair Michael McCue, Daryl Blaney, Carolyn Stump, Rose Bissonette, Marilyn Chambers, Lesley Allison, Lew Suckert- volunteer

The Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

1. The Minutes were reviewed for March and accepted as amended and modified at the meeting. April minutes were not available for review. Rose B. to provide April minutes in advance of next meeting.
2. Town matters: 40B project discussed. There was no need for COD involvement yet, as no formal architectural plans have been presented. We will continue to monitor the situation as it progresses.
3. Emergency preparedness:
Chair McCue highlighted areas in the collection of material for emergency preparedness for those with disability. The Commission reviewed the material as a group with highlighted favorite material per the comments below:

- FEMA / American Red Cross: Preparing for Disaster. Pages 10-11, 13: vital records; Page 6: Community disaster plan; Page 15: list / kit - pictorial approach was well liked by the group
- Sterling pamphlet. List of resources phone numbers with websites. Radio stations for emergency alerts. Page 11: Special needs checklist.
- National Family Caregiver Support Program. Page 4: kit / list; Page 5: Make a personal plan, special needs, etc; health care services - discuss emergency plans; Evacuation bag. Page 8: Step 2 but use a pictorial; File of life.
- Massachusetts Office of Disability Handout. Vital records photo. Page 5: Disability indicator form. Page 8: silent call procedure. Page 17: summary - good review of all. Workbook - preparedness workbook at back of MOD? On MOD website there is a link to this workbook.
- In general, there is a lot of repetition of ideas throughout the handouts that were collected. We should include Mike Hanson's contact information in the handout as he is the designated Emergency Preparedness Manager for the Town of Lancaster.

4. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month

The Pastor at the College Church is planning a service with the theme of accessibility. The Town Library will do another program. Chair McCue will be contacting Joe Mule and Laura Friend at the Middle School to gauge their respective levels of interest and to

develop plans for LAAM 018'. The Commission would like to do something at the school. Lesley will contact the high school to enquire about their "Unified" classes.

5. Miscellaneous

- DCR - There is an conservation and recreation event at a Park / Playground on June 2nd in Brighton.
- The commission reviewed Leominster COD's informational pamphlet as a possible model for a redo of our Lancaster COD pamphlet.
- A regional MOD meeting will take place in Webster on June 6th from 11-2pm.
- The new COD office will be located in the old town hall. An accessible doorknob is being installed and the commission will be moving into this space soon at a time TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison