

COD Meeting Minutes  
(Zoom format)  
October 20, 2020

Present: Chairman Mike McCue, Daryl Blaney, Lesley Allison, Rose Bissonnette, Lorry Doucet, Mary Murtland (volunteer), Christine Dynan (volunteer), Pat Maguire (volunteer)  
Absent: Carolyn Stump

Meeting called to order: 6:10pm

1. September meeting minutes approved as corrected.
2. Town Matters:
  - a. Mike made a report of COD activities to the Select Board meeting on October 5th as requested by Selectman Jay Moody.
  - b. Election Day is approaching and the COD needs to ensure ample handicapped parking is available. Extra handicapped spots will be made available as provided during previous elections.
  - c. Gazebo ramp: Orlando sent out an email to Mike with specifications of a proposed ramp set up. The plans look very similar to what was put in place before and then promptly taken down. The COD agrees that the specifications look to meet ADA guidelines but is concerned about the negative reaction of the town based on the ramp aesthetics. The final location of the gazebo is a factor to consider. The large size of the ramp may also bring up safety concerns. ACTION ITEM: Mike to convey COD concerns to Orlando.
  - d. Playground update: Lesley has been in contact with Win Clark regarding the playground path. She also visited the completed path which was created using stone dust, pavers, and bricks as a border. The grading looks compliant and extends inside the gate to the splash pad. Win requested Lesley's assistance in finding an accessible swing to purchase. The Recreation Committee will be responsible for maintaining the entire playground. Lesley recommends COD members visit the site to assess the site for themselves. ACTION ITEM: Lesley will contact the Mary Rowlandson School, which has a nice new accessible swing, for information.
3. Accessibility Awareness Month
  - a. Facebook: Consider using some of the information used on our Facebook page to add to our COD town website.
  - b. Library email: Joe Mule sent out an email to advertise the virtual History of Disability exhibit.
  - c. College Church: Christine will reach out to Carolyn via email to inquire about any photos that may have been taken at the church service that could be posted on the Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned: 7:01pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lesley Allison