

COD Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2020

(Zoom format)

Meeting called to order 6:03pm

Present: Chairperson Mike McCue, Rose Marie Bissonnette, Daryl Blaney, Lesley Allison, Tony Zahariadis (Town Building Inspector). Volunteers: Anne Gradeski, Christine Dynan, Pat Maguire

Absent: Lorry Doucet, Carolyn Stump

1. Review of July meeting minutes. Minutes approved.
2. Review of ADA Grant Recommendations:
 - a. Group contributions to the list of recommended renovations for the State Grant application were discussed. The COD members and volunteers who contributed agreed to a similar list of areas to be addressed including:
 - i. Priority 1, 2, and 3 items from the ADA Self Evaluation for the Prescott Building, the Lancaster Community Center (LCC), and the library. Other items recommended for inclusion: the women's toilets and towel dispensers at the LCC (as per Lesley's previous assessments); some areas highlighted at the town beach; handicapped parking and access for the playground and ball fields; a playground swing, the Gazebo ramp access.
 - b. ACTION ITEM: Christine will email the list of priorities to Mike and he will forward to Orlando.
 - c. ACTION ITEM: The handicapped beach chair location is presently unknown. Selectman Jason Allison will be asked by Lesley to address this issue. It was last seen on the ground floor of the Prescott Building, but it has been moved.
3. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM)
 - a. COD members discussed preferred ideas for LAAM activities based on group recommendations collected by Christine. Ideas were coalesced to the following:
 - i. A virtual display of the "History of Disability" in coordination with the Thayer Memorial Library. ACTION ITEM: Mike will consult with Joe Mule on this topic.
 - ii. Rebroadcast of church services from last year. New church service for this year at College Church? ACTION ITEMS: Daryl will look for a copy of the Village Church presentation. Mike will contact Carolyn to enquire about College Church possibilities.
 - iii. The development of a COD Facebook page. ACTION ITEMS: Christine will initiate development. Daryl will look for past photos of COD activities.

- iv. A possible speaker using a virtual format from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). ACTION ITEM: Mike will contact Rose who has a contact at NAMI to inquire about possibilities.
 - b. ACTION ITEM: Christine will send an updated list of selected activities to Mike for review.
- 4. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Jay Moody had contacted Mike about the possibility of moving a handicapped parking spot from the rear of the old town hall now that it is no longer used. A general discussion of town wide handicapped parking followed. The consensus of the group concluded that a review of town center parking would be beneficial.
 - b. Emergency preparedness was discussed in the context of possible LAAM activities. Tony Zahariadis recommended that this issue should be addressed within a group of townwide department representatives for best results. Mike reported that McCue and Associates were near completion on emergency preparedness pamphlets with a focus on those with disabilities. He believes this pamphlet could be a starting point for town discussion on the topic.

Meeting adjourned: 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison