

November 2020 COD Minutes

Zoom format

November 17, 2020

Present: Chairman Mike McCue, Rose Bissonnette, Lorry Doucet, Carolyn Stump, Lesley

Allison; Volunteers: Christine Dynan, Pat Maguire

Absent: Daryl Blaney

Meeting called to order: 6:07pm

1. October Minutes were approved with three small corrections.
2. Kalon Farms: Mike McCue and Selectman Allison met with owner, Keith Copley. The patio has been raised to the level of the meeting room making it accessible. Mike advised there is a need for additional handicapped parking during Kalon Farm events.
3. Thayer Playground: Mike visited the location. He recommends an accessible gate latch as well as an accessible swing chair. Lesley is working with a resource from Nashoba Regional School District to price out an appropriate swing. Other recommendations included an accessible portable toilet which was in place adjacent to the fields behind the Community Center. Despite the fact that the mulch is deemed accessible, Christine Dynan suggested an accessible mat could be placed to improve access to the swing. ACTION ITEM: Mike to follow-up with Orlando regarding the mat and Andrea regarding the portable toilet. Lesley to follow-up on the swing purchase.
4. Gazebo: It has been moved with the opening facing the Bullfinch church. There is only an eight inch rise from turf to the flooring of the gazebo. Based on this elevation change, the ramp distance will not need to be as long. Orlando's ramp drawing is the same as the previous layout. Lesley mentioned that Win Clark has volunteered to be involved with creating a less obtrusive compliant design for a new ramp.
5. Lorry mentioned that there are two businesses in the plaza where Hometown Bank is located that continue to lack an accessible entrance. They include a hairdresser and a massage business. ACTION ITEMS: Lorry to provide owner contact info. Mike will take a look at these locations again and contact the owner.
6. COD Facebook page: Carolyn doesn't have any still photos of the College Church Accessibility Sabbath event. She has a contact from the event that can forward some photos to Christine to post. The COD will work toward posting photos of accessible areas in local businesses to give them recognition and visibility for doing a good job.
7. Emergency preparedness: McCue and Associates continue to work on the pamphlet design. This topic will be addressed more aggressively over the upcoming months.
8. COD members and volunteers should brainstorm ideas for COD projects going into next year for discussion in future meetings. One idea suggested was an outreach to community members to identify problem areas. Communication tools are needed to reach the general public.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison