

COD Meeting Minutes
(Zoom format)
September 15, 2020

Present: Michael McCue, Rose Marie Bissonnette, Daryl Blaney,
Lorry Doucet, Lesley Allison, Pat McGuire (volunteer), Selectman Jason Allison

Called to order: 6:11pm

1. Town matters
 - a. Accessible Beach chair: Mike contacted Orlando who reported the chair has been locked up at the beach house on the Town Beach. The chair was used at least once this summer. Mike requested that the Lancaster Recreation Committee, in coordination with town administration, post a sign at the beach and on the town website for increased awareness.
 - b. Mike fielded a complaint from a disabled town resident about a landlord.
 - c. Thayer Memorial Playground: As per Lesley's discussion with Winn Clark, the Recreation Committee has planned the accessible path with use of large patio blocks measuring approximately 32 inches by 20 inches each with the total path width of 4.5 to 5 feet. Various members of the COD expressed concerns regarding the path including use of grouting and path maintenance. ACTION ITEM: Lesley to follow up with Win Clark regarding COD concerns including: accessible swing seat, accessible gate, path construction, and path maintenance. The COD and building inspector should check the work when it is done.
 - d. LCC. The COD should follow up on the accessibility of the restrooms immediately. The availability of grant money is unknown at this time.
2. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM)
 - a. Virtual Exhibit on the History of Disability: Portland Community College has the same display that we have at the library and it is showcased in a video using the YouTube format with narration. The full version is almost 2 hours and the condensed version is appropriately 30 minutes. The Thayer Memorial Library will send out a link to the video to the library email list.
 - b. College Church Services.
 - i. Are recorded and available on the internet -there are links to last year's services as well.
 - ii. This year's "Accessibility Sabbath" will take place on October 17. Carolyn asked Rose to give a talk this year about her own personal experiences. Rose and Carolyn plan meet with the pastor this week to work on the service content.
 - c. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): Rose is currently in communication with members of NAMI regarding a possible speaker.
 - d. Facebook page: Ideas for updated content is as follows:
 - i. Update of the group summary in the "About" section using examples from the annual report, the COD pamphlet, or from the press release.

- ii. Photos should be accessible photos: photo of proclamation, other images of previous LAAM activities
- iii. Links to LAAM activities
- iv. Themes to LAAM activities : mental health
- v. Link to the COD page on the town website
- vi. Calls to action for volunteerism, members, meeting times and dates.
- vii. Lancaster disability facts: ~ 10% of residents has some form of disability
- viii. ACTION ITEMS: Lesley will send an email to Christine with a review from the group and new ideas to post. Daryl will send more photos.

Meeting adjourned: 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Allison