

September 18, 2018

## COD Meeting Minutes

Present: Chair Michael McCue, Rose-Marie Bissonnette, Lorry Doucet, Daryl Blaney, Marilyn Chambers, Carolyn Stump, Lesley Allison

Meeting called to order:

1. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month (LAAM):
  - Mike researched accessibility related performance acts that could be added to the LAAM schedule for this year. One example Mike provided was Donna Folan, a disabled actress performing in Boston and other venues. The cost of such performances could be prohibitive. It is a bit late for scheduling a venue for such a performance. The COD will revisit this option next year, as there is insufficient time to execute this for this October.
  - Unified Health and Performance will host an open gym on 10/17/18 from 5-6pm where the public is welcome to attend and exercise with the adaptive athletes.
  - Accessibility Sabbath: 10/20/18 at 11:00 A.M. at the College Church. The service will be emphasizing Emergency Preparedness. Carolyn to provide more details when available.
  - Thayer Memorial Library will display books on the theme of disabilities. It will also have a website link to a presentation on the History of Disability.. The library will also host a viewing of the movie "The Theory of Everything" on 10/24/18 at 5:30pm. And post on their website.
2. Town matters:
  - ADA transition plan. Mike attended the first meeting. George Snow from the Montachusett Regional Commission was involved to assist the town in this plan initiative. Rose attended the second meeting. A survey will go out via email to gather information from the public about accessibility of sidewalks and crosswalks.
3. Miscellaneous:
  - Abilities Expo: Takes place this coming weekend. However, no one from the COD is available to attend.
  - MOD Summit: Friday, October 12, 2018 from 8am-12pm in Somerville. Unfortunately, the location is not optimal for commuting due high volume of traffic during this time. At this time it is unlikely anyone from the COD will be attending.
  - Lesley reported that most COD minutes taken in recent months have been submitted, but she will summarize what needs to be brought up to current.
  - Chair McCue noted that the Gazebo on the town green should be made accessible with ramp and rails.

Meeting adjourned: 8:09pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lesley Allison