

COD Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019

Present: Chairperson Mike McCue, Rose Bissonnette, Daryl Blaney, Carolyn Stump, Lorry Doucet, Lesley Allison

Absent: Marilyn Chambers

Meeting called to order 6:12pm.

1. July '019 Minutes reviewed and approved with one minor correction. September minutes reviewed accepted as amended.
2. Town matters, businesses, committees:
 - a. ADA PROW Summary Report: Report now completed. A copy has been sent to team members for review. Mike has some comments to contribute in disagreement about the findings at Eagle Ridge.
 - b. Playground: Lesley met with Winn Clark of the Recreation Committee to discuss pathway access from the playground parking lot to the playground. An accessible swing can be purchased. Currently there are no plans for striping of the lot but they do plan to add handicapped parking signs. Action items: Lesley to meet again with Winn and email follow up to confirm COD recommendations and cc Chair McCue. COD recommendations as follows:
 - i. Striping of the lot is necessary as per ADA guidelines.
 - ii. The number of handicapped signed spots needs to be determined based on the total number of parking spots available.
 - iii. Accessible swing is recommended.
 - iv. Bricks may shift over time and are not the best surfaces type for an accessible path.
 - c. Gazebo Ramp: The ramp was put up and taken back down due to complaints from certain Selectmen. Arrangements are being evaluated for reinstalling a more aesthetically pleasing ramp with a different alignment.
 - d. Bigelow Gardens: One end unit is being made into an accessible unit.
3. Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month:
 - a. Health Fair: The event was well run and well attended.
 - b. College Church: Accessibility Awareness Sabbath this Saturday 10/19/19 with the topic of "Hidden Disability".
 - c. Village Church: Daryl to speak at the service on 10/26/19.
 - d. History of Disability on display in the reference room at the library looks compelling.
4. Town census mailing: COD discussed language to be used in town mailing to assist with member and volunteer requirement. The group discussed the benefits of the recruitment of younger members. Action item: Lesley email to Lancaster Unified Health and Performance clients.

5. Website Accessibility: Lesley action item follow up with email from Lucas Clark of Civic Plus.
6. Other Action Items:
 - a. Rose Bissonette to follow up on Accessible Van Parking Rules and appropriate signage required thereof.
 - b. Lesley Allison to identify LCC lavatory toilet ADA specifications for replacement.
 - c. Daryl Blaney has still not received his term reappointment letter from the town. M McCue to remedy the situation with select board office.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted:
Lesley Allison