

## Commission on Disability Meeting Notes March 2, 2022

Members in Attendance, Zoom meeting: Brendan Brides, Dohm Jellison (vice chair), Lisa Judelson, Susan Marancik, Polly Sherman, Julia Wright

We were joined by several people who are hearing impaired and had volunteer interpreters with them. Two are Sandwich residents who want to be involved and requested that the town provide interpreters for the April meeting. They will send their information to us for the request.

Guest speaker: Jeff Dugan from the Massachusetts Office on Disability

Meeting called to order. February meeting notes were accepted.

Jeff presented us with an overview of the state and federal laws and regulations on accessibility and will send us the links to them. He reviewed the 10 goals that Commissions on Disability can work on and suggested that we chose 6 to focus on. Some of these goals can be referred out to other town committees or departments to work on. He addressed the three questions that Meghan asked him in preparation for the meeting.

Mission Statement: Should be based on bylaws and goals of the Commission. Start by reviewing what we have and looking at other commissions mission statements.

Water filling Stations: Jeff went over many of the accessibility issues that would need to be met by the town for these stations. These are all found in the state regulations and include fully accessible parking, maneuvering space and amount of pressure needed operate the controls. Jeff would like to review the equipment that we are looking to install so he can better advise us.

Name Change: Jeff informed the group that we could in fact rename the Commission and will send us the article telling us how to proceed.

Other discussion: Brendan informed that town officials have met with our state senator Susan Moran and state representative Steven Xiarhos and that the new boardwalk design will be fully accessible. Susan told us that the proposed name change to Council on Accessibility will have her same initials as the Council on Aging (COA) which would lead to confusion. Julia reported that she is continuing to meet with school officials concerning disability awareness programs.

A vote was taken to adjourn the meeting

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