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Commission on Disability

- Members in attendance: Meg Keegan (Chair) Dohm Jellison (vice chair)
Brendan Brides, Lisa Judelson, Polly Sherman, Susan Marancik, Chanda
Marvel DiSanti
- Liaison Charlie Holden from BOA

No Correspondence or Liaison updates were discussed.

Discussions:

Handicap Parking Violations: Who can report violations? Lisa suggested reaching out to other commissions for advice on how they handle this matter, she will follow up.

Brandon Noted that accessible parking cannot be metered and that town lots that require payment cannot charge those with accessibility stickers.

Brandon; Engineering is still working on the accessible parking at old town hall.

Police training for kids on the spectrum: Chanda met with Corporal Boederick, He reported that Sandwich is one of the best rated towns in Massachusetts for training in relations and handlings of incidents with persons on the spectrum. He did note that there was a need for a first responder training in regard to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Chanda reached out to several organizations to find an organization that can offer an in-person class for first responders with some basic and situationally appropriate ASL . Follow up next meeting.



Board walk: random reported that the Boardwalk project was sent out to bid and that the additional railings were approved at the town neck side.

Discussion on disability summit: Accessibility in the digital world.

Others matters not anticipated.

Lisa brought up an event by the Massachusetts commission for the Blind e at Cape Cod mall on the weekend on October 14th -16th. To raise awareness and desensitize people to the blind community.

Other events of note were the Kennedy Donovan Event at the skate park for adaptive bike riding.

Lisa spoke to the folks at Sandwich TV about doing the audible scripts for historical sites around town, more news to follow on that project.

Sidewalks: How do we start exploring repairing the ones downtown and making them accessible. Paul Tilton the town engineer will be our first point of contact, commission should invite the DPW manager to the next meeting. The commission recognizes that this project maybe arduous due to many factors, but everyone felt it is necessary for all community members to have safe and accessible sidewalks in town.

The intersection of Merchants rd. and Cranberry Hwy has been a troubling spot for pedestrians to say the least. The lines are worn down and not very visible, there is an assisted living facility on one side and many of its inhabitants cross at this spot. Can we have the lines re drawn? How can we make this cross walk safer? Brain Schlegl Facilities manager will be contacted to consult.

The COA is behind on meeting notes, we need to get caught up. Meg has a plan to help the commission get up to date and compliant. We are committed to getting this done, she will gather past agendas to be filling the back logs.

Due to the Holiday of Yom Kippur the COA next meeting will be on October 19th at 4:30.

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