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Commission on Disability 10/19/2022

- Members in attendance: Meg Keegan (Chair) Dohm Jellison (vice chair) Brendan Brides (liaison building inspector), Lisa Judelson, Polly Sherman, Susan Marancik, Chanda Marvel DiSanti
- Liaison Charlie Holden from B.O.S.
- All past due minutes before Mx. Keegan was chair , Mr. Jellison will look into.

No Correspondence or Liaison updates were discussed.

- Paul Tilton; Director of public works and Town Engineer.
- Brought the commission up to date on current projects in town. i.e. Bike path on service road and then the planned extension to the canal path.
- Design for the accessible parking outside of Town Hall is in final phase.
- There is currently in the towns Master Pedestrian and Walkway plan a time outline for repairing sidewalks in town and with the best faith effort making them ADA compliant. Mr.Tilton was frank in his discussion that being fully compliant at parts will be impossible because of the orientation on the side walk, current trees and stone walls. The work is supposed to begin next spring with a full walk through and measurements of the areas to be repaired. Meg Keegan encouraged Mr. Tilton to keep an open line of communication with us so that we can help expedite the work with any variances needed.

There is Marina work scheduled that will make the facilities full accessible to disabled boaters.



- BOS Charlie Holden agreed to liaison between the COD and the pedestrian & walkway commission as well as the Tree committee, whom he reports as amenable to working on the sidewalks as well.
- Autism Spectrum training for Public Safety officials. Sandwich just completed an inter-agency training with other departments. The Sandwich police department is an exemplary example of its trainings on this and is honored to assist other departments with trainings.
- ASL (American sign language) training for Public safety officers. Corporal Bonderick and Mx. Marvel DiSanti have a meeting with Deaf Inc. on Thursday October 27th to go over details for a Sandwich First responder ASL training.

The disability summit on Friday Oct 27th, no one from the commission can attend due to work and other commitments.

Mass commission for the blind event. Attendance was less than desired due to it being a beautiful day outside. The mission of the event is to raise awareness of the visually impaired and desensitize people to items used by them. They had an obstacle course challenge using a white cane and adaptive items for people to see and try. Next year Mx. Judelson would like help with future events like this. She would also like to do something with the Forestdale elementary similar to the October 15th event.

Mx. DiSanti and Mx. Maranik offered assistance.

The Kennedy Donovan skate park event for adaptive riders was a great success, lots of people came and participated.

SCTV Audio tour updates; Mx. Judelson has been working with Emily Tolik to write scripts and Paula Johnson is making a list of places and homes. There will be video and audio. These links will also be able to be accessed on a website and via YouTube with captioning for deaf and hard of hearing.

Mx. Keegan asked if instead they could use an interpreter in place of captioning to circumvent literacy issues that present often in the deaf community. This will be looked into.

This project has limitless possibilities in making our community friendlier to a multitude of individual.

Intersection of 6A and Merchants Rd. To be continued

Other matters:

We will ask Sheila Mulkahey from the Barnstable COD to come speak to us next meeting on accessible parking violations.

Mx. Meegan had a recent interaction with someone blocking an accessible spot at an essential business location. Mr. Brides took the opportunity to remind us all as we travel down this path with parking violations to be careful and to not confront citizens or put yourself in unnecessary confrontation.

Mr. Brides reports that he met with the new child care facility being built on Quaker meetinghouse rd. He has helped to guide them through getting the necessary variance for a lift in the facility. Making it full accessible two of the three floors the facility will be when complete.

Next Meeting Is on November 2nd at 4:30

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