

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Weymouth, MA
Remote Meeting via Webex
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6pm
Meeting Minutes

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PRESENT: Hank Goldman, Chairperson
Richard Johnson
Ron Evans
LaurieAnn Yeisley-Drogin
Mary Hagearty
John MacLeod, Appointed Town Official

NOT PRESENT: Jonathan Blaisdell

ALSO PRESENT: Sue McDonough, ADA Coordinator
Caroline LaCroix, Human Resources Director
Patricia Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary

State of Emergency Message and meeting information:

Due to Governor Baker's Emergency Declaration to support the state's response to COVID-19, and per Mayor Hedlund's Emergency Declaration for the Town of Weymouth, the Commission on Disabilities will meet remotely.

Topic: Commission on Disabilities (COD)
Time: January 12, 2022 6:00PM

The online link and dial-in instructions were provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Chairman Goldman called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Standing Items:

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

ADA Coordinator Report:

Columbian Square Project - Ms. McDonough said she submitted Ron Evans' suggestion that when the traffic light is pushed it results in a 4-way traffic stop. She added that no right-on-red turns will be allowed, the pedestrian lights will remain on for the longest time permitted, and audible signals have been requested.

Ms. Yeisley-Drogin asked about guidelines for handicapped parking spaces; Ms. McDonough said the town complies with ADA state codes.

Ms. McDonough asked Chairman Goldman to send the information from Jeffrey Dougan, MA Office on Disabilities (MOD), to the members.

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A discussion ensued about COD bylaws in regards to the Vice Chairman position. Ms. LaCroix said the COD bylaws would be similar to bylaws of other Boards.

Chairman Goldman offered to provide a framework for bylaws.

It was agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting.

Old Business:

Mr. Evans mentioned, in listening to Jeff Dougan's ? (brochure?, recording? Not sure what he was referring to), that he had trouble understanding the format of #17 and asked if the members could review 2 or 3 (what?) at each meeting. He also asked to have acronyms explained.

Mr. Evans said that contact information for MOD and Community Services Unit should be provided under "Client Assistance Program".

New Business: none

Other Business:

Ms. McDonough asked if there were any minutes available to be posted on line.

Chairman Goldman said he in thought he had sent over approved minutes through October, 2021; he will bring in the minutes to the Clerk's office within the next week or two.

Announcements:

-Next SEPAC meeting: January 25, 2022

-Next COD meeting: February 9, 2022

Adjournment:

Motion made by Member Evans, seconded by Member Yeisley-Drogin, to adjourn at 6:40p.m.

6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Fitzgerald

Hank Goldman, Chairman

Date