COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Weymouth, MA

Remote Meeting via Webex

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6pm Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Hank Goldman, Chairperson

Richard Johnson

Ron Evans

Jonathan Blaisdell (connected at 6:10)

LaurieAnn Yeisley-Drogin

Mary Hagearty

NOT PRESENT:

John MacLeod, Appointed Town Official

ALSO PRESENT:

Sue McDonough, ADA Coordinator

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:

November 10, 2021 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 6:06pm.

Standing Items:

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Member Yeisley-Drogin, seconded by Member Johnson, to approve the Oct. 13, 2021 minutes as corrected.

5-0-0 rollcall vote (Mr. Blaisdell was not present)

ADA Coordinator Report:

Ms. McDonough reported that she attended the Beal Park Feasibility/Design meeting October 21st, and addressed access:

- Parking at the top of Bridge Street is not a good idea
- There will be access points on Athens Street and Sea Street, but there will be no Bridge St. entrance
- Another meeting is scheduled for November 29th at McCulloch

SEPAC Report:

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Chairman Goldman said meetings have been moved to the fourth Tuesday of the month, and there will be a guest speaker at the November 30th meeting.

Old Business:

Chairman Goldman will contact Jeffrey Dougan, Mass. Office on Disabilities, regarding the documents he said he would get to us following his October presentation to the commission.

New Business:

A lot of the work has been done by businesses in Weymouth to recognize people with special needs (Walmart added eight additional handicapped parking spaces); a discussion was had in ways to thank and recognize these local businesses.

Announcements:

-Next SEPAC meeting: November 30, 2021

-Next COD meeting: December 08, 2021

Adjournment:

Motion made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Evans, to adjourn at 6:30p.m. 6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Fitzgerald

Hank Goldman, Chairman