# **COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

# Weymouth, MA

# Remote Meeting via Webex Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6pm

PRESENT:

Hank Goldman, Chairperson

Richard Johnson

Ron Evans Mary Hagearty Jonathan Blaisdell

LaurieAnn Yeisley-Drogin

**NOT PRESENT:** 

Caroline LaCroix

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:

September 8, 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 6:04pm.

# **Standing Items:**

# Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Member Yeisley-Drogin, seconded by Member Evans, to approve the June 16, 2021 minutes as written.

6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

# **ADA Coordinator Report:**

Ms. McDonough reported that:

- After April, 2022, a vote will need to be taken in order to have meetings on line as well as in-house.
- Three residents, diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, have contacted the COD office for assistance with apartment rental and cost of medication.
- Bus stops in Weymouth have been ordered to be handicapped accessible.

## SEPAC Report:

Chairman Goldman said that SEPAC has not met since the beginning of the COVID pandemic.

#### **Old Business:**

Future Meeting Plans; Meeting Programs/Topic suggestions:

- Meetings will continue on-line until April 22, 2022.
- Jeff Doogan will speak at the October COD meeting regarding Commission duties (Mr. Evans suggested doing the Mission Statement with Jeff Doogan)
- Snow Removal was discussed; complexes are responsible for parking lots (Weymouth has no jurisdiction),

#### **New Business:**

- -Chairman Goldman said there have been no applications received for the two openings on COD.
- -Ms. Yeisley-Drogin brought up the 50 mph traffic speed on Front Street and asked if a sign is available to alert traffic that there is a disabled person living in the area.

Ms. McDonough said she would reach out to the traffic engineer, Owen MacDonald. She will also speak to him about the chirping lights/Light Guard System at crosswalks.

#### **Announcements:**

- -Next SEPAC meeting: October 5, 2021
- -Next COD meeting: October 13, 2021

## Adjournment:

Motion made by Member Blaisdell, seconded by Member Evans, to adjourn at 7:08p.m. 6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Fitzgerald

Hank Goldman, Chairman