

# **Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes**

**June 4, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Weinreich, Dan Robinson, Michelle O'Connor, Angela Sestito

**Board Members Absent:** Anthony Nunes, Andrew Freeman, Darren Macdonald

**Others Present:** None

Chairman Thomas Weinreich opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

## **Update on Veteran's Memorial Park**

ADA Coordinator Brandon Gulnick sent a memo regarding the public forum that was held on May 23, 2019 regarding the Memorial Park project that he and Mr. Freeman attended. The main point of discussion at the public forum was the Church's opposition to moving the yearly fair. There is an upcoming meeting with the First Church and Mr. Gulnick who has requested Mr. Robinson be present as a member of the Commission on Disabilities at the meeting.

## **Update on Buy a Brick Fundraiser**

Ms. Sestito updated the Board about the Buy-a-Brick program and that to-date there have been twenty four bricks sold for a total amount of \$1110.00. There was a discussion about how to increase sales through different forms of advertising. The members suggested that the Town's social media pages advertise the brick program at least twice a week and emphasize online ordering. Mr. Robinson also suggested placing flyers around at local businesses, the recycling center, town landing and reaching out to local radio stations and PACTV.

## **Town Landing**

At the previous meeting, the Board made recommendations for changes to Grady Consulting's plans for Town Landing improvements; the changes are being made and once they have been finalized, they will be sent to the Board for review and discussion at the next meeting. Also, Mr. Gulnick sent a memo that detailed the ADA improvements for the upcoming beach season at Town Landing. The handicap beach mats have been put in place, and the Town Manager's office has arranged for an ADA compliant portable toilet to be placed at Town Landing.

## **Review of the Newsletter**

The Board gave final approval for the Commission's first newsletter to be released during the first week of July. Mr. Weinreich suggested putting out some hard copies of the newsletter around a few town buildings and if they are picked up by residents, we could possibly look into using the gift fund to produce more print copies. Ms. Sestito suggested communicating with the Council on Aging and asking them to publicize the newsletter electronically on their website as well.

## **Internship Program**

Mr. Gulnick reported via memo that he has been in contact with the internship program coordinators at Bridgewater State University. A description of what the Town is seeking was distributed to all members. The Board will take the summer to think about any projects that may be beneficial to have the intern work on for the Commission.

### **Five, Ten and Multiyear Project Update**

There is more work that needs to be done before the Board can vote on the plans for the Town. Each present Commission member signed up for a date and time to do a self-evaluation with ADA Coordinator Brandon Gulnick so that work can continue through the summer to finalize these plans in order to put them before the Board for a vote at the beginning of the fall.

### **Massachusetts Office on Disability Summer September 2019**

ADA Coordinator Brandon Gulnick, Tom Weinreich, and Michelle O'Connor will be attending the MOD summit in Boston in September. The summit is open to all members to attend. Mr. Robinson stated that he would be interested in attending if his schedule allows for it. Any other members who may be interested in attending were encouraged to reach out to Mr. Gulnick for registration for the event.

Mr. Weinreich adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.