



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

## Wilbraham, Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 21, 2019  
Wilbraham Children's Museum  
678 Main Street  
Wilbraham, MA 01095

Members in Attendance: Maureen James, Marylou Fabbo, Diane DaSilva, Barbara Harrington & Deborah Cook

Members Absent: Jean Courtney, Earl Way, Kate Glynn & Kate Barlow

Town Staff in Attendance: Lance Trevallion.

Chairperson Marylou Fabbo called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Review of minutes from Thursday, January 17, 2019. Marylou Fabbo motioned to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Deborah Cook, all in favor.

### **Status of Commission Financial Account:**

Lance Trevallion reported the balance of the Commission's account is \$1,643.39.

### **CPA Grant Projects:**

#### Children's Museum:

The work is virtually complete, with only a couple smaller tasks remaining, such as gutters on the rear of the building. They are waiting for a final invoice to be received from the contractor. The museum is open and still considering purchasing the empty lot for sale next door.

#### Meeting House

An application has been submitted for Community Preservation funds to complete a study to determine how the historic building can become accessible. The application is pending and will be heard at the next town meeting.

#### Fountain Park

Lance Trevallion prepared an application for funds to make concerts and events at Fountain Park accessible. This project includes the proposed installation of accessible parking signs in the parking area, as well as a hard-surfaced pathway from the parking area leading to another hard-surfaced area measuring 24 by 24 feet. The application is pending and will be heard at the next town meeting.

## **Fundraising**

Marylou Fabbo provided information regarding the Wilbraham Hampden Scholarship Fund. The Commission would be able to apply for funds to use to provide a scholarship to a disabled student in the district. A discussion was had about setting up a process for that scholarship for next year.

Marylou Fabbo provided an update on the possible partnership between the Commission and the Friends of Recreation as joint beneficiaries of the Cup to Pint Road Race. The Friends of Recreation have decided to use the funds raised in their road race planned for April 2019 to support accessible pathways at outside venues. As such, the Commission will be seeking a new partner to join in the fundraising efforts with the Cup to Pint.

Other methods of fundraising and potential beneficiaries of said fundraising were discussed. Those areas included in discussion were: the Wilbraham Public Library to determine what needs they may have to serve their population, the Senior Center including the proposed construction of their new facility, the establishment of a gift account within the town to receive cash donations, 501(c)(3), applications by residents for needs not covered by medical insurance for disabled persons, trips for disabled residents to enable them to engage in various activities, and programs at Minnechaug Regional High School including transportation and support for disabled students. In follow up to this discussion, Marylou Fabbo will reach out to the Wilbraham Public Library and Lance Trevallion will contact the principal of the high school to learn what needs may exist in those areas.

## **Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours Before Meeting:**

Because of the ongoing discussion about participation in the Cup to Pint fundraiser, the Commission decided that a further meeting will need to be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

A discussion was briefly held as to the pending retirements of Jean Courtney and Earl Way from the Commission and the recruitment of new members.

## **Next Public Meetings:**

Thursday, March 7, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham

Thursday, March 28, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Wilbraham Fire Department, 2770 Boston Road, Wilbraham

Thursday, April 25, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham

Thursday, May 23, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Maureen James. Seconded by Marylou Fabbo. All in Favor.  
Meeting Adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maureen James.

**\*\*Approved March 7, 2019.\*\***