



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Wilbraham, Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 27, 2018
Wilbraham Town Hall
240 Springfield St.

Members in Attendance: Maureen James, Marylou Fabbo, Barbara Harrington, Diane DaSilva (via phone), & Kate Barlow

Members Absent: Jean Courtney, Earl Way

Town Staff in Attendance: Lance Trevallion.

Guests to meeting: Peter Ablondi & Mark Clark

Vote to hold the meeting with Diane DaSilva on the phone proposed by Marylou Fabbo. Maureen James second. All agreed. Diane DaSilva was dialed in to the meeting.

Chairperson Marylou Fabbo called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

Introductions at the table.

Meeting House

Meeting House: Not accessible. Many people would like to access the building, some seniors and some people with disabilities. Lance Trevallion wants to know if the committee would like to look into updating the building, both to access from outside and the doorways inside. The backdoor is not legal. The front door may be easier to modify. Kate Barlow requested that the estimate include the cost to update the interior bathroom, however updating the bathroom is not part of the current proposal by the Meeting House board. An architect would be needed to determine the best plan. Lance Trevallion will contact an architect.

Approval of Minutes:

Review of minutes from Thursday May 24, 2018. Maureen James motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Barbara Harrington. All in Favor.

Shelter in Place:

Barbara Harrington described the Shelter in Place presentation that was done at the senior center in July by the MA Office on Disability out of Boston, by Dalonn Pearson. Everyone who signed up (one per household) received a backpack that contained a flashlight with an AM/FM radio in it that doesn't require batteries, a siren, a can opener, purified drinking water for a week, a first aid kit, emergency ponchos, hand warmers, female hygiene supplies, tissues, file of Life magnet, glow sticks, an emergency blanket, a fanny pack in case of evacuation for emergency information, and a bag of toiletries. The possibility of having a repeated presentation was discussed.

CPA Grant Projects:

Children's Museum:

Drywall is going up tomorrow. The exterior is almost finished with about another month for the interior. The children's museum is currently closed. There is a plaque for Edward Powers that was on the wall and will be hung back up after construction. Things look as though the building will be done within the budget.

Fundraising:

Possible "Dash for Disabilities" was discussed to add to the Cup to Pint race to raise money. Marylou Fabbo will invite Miriam Siegel to a future meeting. The town accountant will be invited to the next meeting to discuss fund raising possibilities.

Status of Commission financial account:

Lance Trevallion reported the COD the balance of the Commission's account is at \$1443.00. The amount increased from parking tickets.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours Before Meeting:

None.

Next Public Meeting:

Thursday, November 1st, 2018, 4:30 pm at Wilbraham Town Hall.

Following meeting December 6, 2018, 4:30 pm at Wilbraham Town Hall.

Following meeting January meeting 24, 2019, 4:30 pm at Wilbraham Town Hall.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Marylou Fabbo. Seconded by Maureen James. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kate Barlow.

Approved 12/6/18