

SCOD June 15, 2017 meeting minutes

Date: June 15, 2017

Location: Swampscott Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room

Time: 7-8pm

In Attendance: Trish Malphrus, Chair; Linda Lengyel, Secretary; Rupinder Sembhi; Sam Paster; Nico-Flannery-Pitcher; Jessica Bombardier

Not in attendance: Carolina Valasquez; Laura Spathanas

1. Review and approve minutes from previous meeting in April. APPROVED April minutes.
2. Correction / clarification that Jim Badger will participate as a community member, and not as a representative of the Commission for the Blind
3. Organizational work
 - a. Introduce new member Jessica Bombardier
4. Updates
 - a. Internet presence -
 - b. Andrews Chapel remodeling project – update at next COD meeting.
 - c. Rail Trail – the SCOD will remain neutral as a commission on the Rail Trail Vote. A draft of a letter was drafted and reviewed. A vote to accept and issue the letter with intent of the content; 5 members voted YES, 1 member abstained.
 - d. Clarke School playground – possible equipment to be donated by COD was reviewed for consideration. Three (3) Swings and One (1) set of accessible rings were UNANIMOUSLY decided on.
5. New Humphrey Street paving – recent work on the upper end of Humphrey St has been observed to not meet accessible level changes and there was a lack of crossing location signs.
6. Discussion of construction projects - COD discussed drafting a letter for general construction projects to meet accessibility guidelines. Not meeting guidelines could lead to a lawsuit or other liability.
7. Awards to businesses that are accessible – A discussion on the possibility of issuing recognition awards or plaques to local ADA-friendly businesses. A clear set of criteria for awarding the recognition merits further discussion.
8. Other Business
 - a. SCOD member Sam Paster will be presenting findings on the MBTA RIDE program as part of his work with Representative Cullinane's Aide Leon David. Presentation is 6/21 at the Massachusetts State House.
 - b. Next meeting is July 20th.