

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT Commission on Disability

Swampscott Commission on Disability meeting notes.

Date: March 16, 2017
Location: Swampscott Town Hall, 1st floor conference room
Begins at: 7:00 pm

In attendance: Trish Malphrus, Sam Paster, Jim Badger, Linda Lengyel, and Nico Flannery-Pitcher.

Others in attendance: Cole and David

Absent: Rupinder Sembhi

1. Review and approve minutes from previous meetings
 - No meeting minutes; the last meeting was not a quorum
2. Introduction of Sean Fitzgerald, New Town Manager
 - Delayed until a future meeting
3. New and old Business
 - a. Organizational work, including Logo discussion
 - Motion – The SCoD will use the State or Township symbol for our logo; if either of those change, our logo will reflect the change. Unanimously passed.
 - b. New business
 - Sidewalks and curb cuts – snow not cleared in some areas; impacts accessibility for many people.
 - Trish will send email to Geno, Pete and new town manager to determine if there is a policy that covers removing snow.
 - c. UPDATES:
 - Proposal for term changes
 - Will be presented at the June Selectmen's meeting.
 - Clark Elementary School
 - An accessible parking space is being added on the corner of Hampdon St. and Ellis Rd. Scheduled to be painted once the weather warms
 - No update on whether the ramp is to code
 - Housing: consideration of an accessible housing list as a service to the community
 - People have inquired about the status of accessible housing; requesting a resource list.
 - Check with Realtors to see if there is an existing list – Trish will reach out to Glen.
 - Nico will reach out to the Independent Living Center to see if there is a list available
 - Town web site and Facebook presence

- Currently the Facebook page is populated by a town representative.
 - Should we have committees?
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 - d. Discussion about Seminar on asking tough questions
 - Structure questions – Does the town have an ADA coordinator with expertise – speak with Sean Fitzgerald
 - Charles McCraw does diversity training for the Commonwealth; Commission for the Blind. His presentations are interactive. How you make judgements. Jim will reach out to.
 - Consensus – we should investigate this as a possibility
4. Other business that may properly come before the Commission
- **MBTA – email from The Ride**
 - Discussion of proposal after more information is gathered
 - Possible ACTION
 - Write a letter in opposition
 - Connect with disability groups in the area and join their efforts
 - Call our reps
 - Call to Action on facebook page
 - Jim will find out who the decision makers are; Sam will ask Dan on Monday – will email Trish, who will email the Commission
 - Mass Office of Disability
 - Nico & Trish will send list of other Commissions to Commission
 - **Discussed additional challenges with The Ride**
 - Sam will ask Dan if someone can visit to see what he is doing at The Ride

NEXT meeting – organizational stuff and review the rules

Trisha Malphrus
Commission on Disability Chair

MEMBERS

Trisha Malphrus, Chair
Jim Badger, Vice Chair
Linda Lengyel, Secretary
Rupinder Sembhi
Sam Paster
Nico Flannery-Pitcher
Laura Semphi

2017 MEETING DATES

January 26th
February 23rd
March 16th
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th

July 20th
August 17th
September 21st
October 19th
November 16th
December 14th