

Swampscott Commission on Disability
December 15th, 2016

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Swampscott Police Station

In attendance:

SCoD members: Nico Flannery-Pitcher, Jim Badger (Vice Chair), Trish Malphrus (Chair), Sam Paster, Linda Lengyel (Secretary), Rupinder Sembhi

Nonmembers: Sergeant Bill Waters, Clay Weston

Meeting notes

- **VOTED** to accept the minutes

- Review of Section 90 MA General Law; Section 14a *Protection of blind pedestrians crossing or attempting to cross ways*, aka White Cane Laws
 1. 1. Discussion of the crosswalk grants awarded to the Swampscott Police; the SCoD will work with the Swampscott Police to increase awareness of this law

- Commission on Disability structure and organizational work
 1. 1. **VOTED** to submit a proposal for membership term changes
 2. 2. **VOTED** to accept the proposed term changes pending approval [attached]
 3. 3. Discussed a revised mission statement; will **vote** on in January 2016

Our mission is to ensure community inclusiveness by advocating for the removal of barriers which prevent access and full participation of all residents and visitors.

1. 4. Discussed a logo; will review in January 2016
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- Discussion of accessible playgrounds

 - **VOTED** to accept with revisions, and send a letter to Pete Kane requesting additional accessible/handicap parking spaces at Clarke Elementary School.

ACTION STEPS

- Trish will contact Sue Duplin to correct errors on the website
- 1. 1. Spelling of Sembhi (not Semphi)
- 2. 2. Jim is Vice Chair (not Co-vice Chair)
- Linda will revise the *Proposal for term changes* and send to Trish; Trish will contact Naomi
- Linda will revise letter re: Clarke Elementary School and send to Trish who will send to Pete Kane and copied to Swampscott Superintendent and Clarke Elementary School Principal
- SCoD will reach out to Lieutenant Lord in the spring regarding crosswalk safety

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Strategy to fill the vacant seats
- VOTE on the mission statement
- Review and consideration of logo
- Accessibility of web presence
- Housing – accessible housing list as a service to the community
- Review the ground rules

FUTURE MEETINGS - 2017

All meetings will be from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

January 26 th	February 23 rd	March 16 th
April 20 th	May 18 th	June 15 th
July 20 th	August 17 th	September 21 st
October 19 th	November 16 th	December 14 th

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lengyel