

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
Commission on Disability
Meeting notes

Date: August 16th, 2018 7:00 – 9:00

Location: Town Hall, 1st floor Conference Room

In attendance: Trisha Malphrus, Linda Lengyel, Nico Flannery-Pitcher, Sam Paster, Jessica Bombardier, Carolina Velasque

Community member: Bonnie Weiss

AGENDA

1. Public comment: Introduction of Bonnie Weiss, a resident of Salem who is interested in becoming a Commission member
2. Review and approve minutes from previous meeting(s) : **Approved**
3. Review meeting dates: Next meeting September 20th at 7:00
 1. Announcement/gauge interest (Linda): MOD
 - 2018 Disability Summit, October 5th -
<https://www.mass.gov/event/2018-disability-summit-2018-10-05t090000-0400-2018-10-05t123000-0400>
 2. Updates
 - Liaison to the Commission (Trish)
4. Trish will make a public comment at the next open selectman meeting
 - Rail Trail (Jessica & Nico) – no update
 - Recruitment (Trish) –
5. Seeking two more people with disabilities (pwd) to be on the Commission to meet the criteria of 4 pwd and 1 parent / caretaker of a pwd
 - Budget (Trish) – no updates; May's report was \$7200.00
 - Contacts with other township groups as per our last meeting
 1. Community development - No update
 2. Initiative specific – let's all be involved
 3. Dept public works (ground) – Rupinder / ask Nico if she will be a back-up – No update
 4. Facilities management – town buildings – Rupinder / Nico – No update
 5. Public health – Bonnie will reach out - No update
 6. Human resources – Trish - No update
 7. Library – Trish / Linda – contacted and informed of interest in talking about the capital gain grant to increase accessibility
 8. Parking clerk – Trish – No update
 9. Purchasing – Trish – No update
 10. Recreation Department – Carolina / Jessica – No update
 11. Senior Center – Carolina / Trish – No update
 12. Technology Center – Linda– No update
 13. Town administrator – Liason Trish / Linda – No update
 14. Town clerk – elections Linda / Sam
 15. Treasury / customer service – Trish – No update
 16. Veterans services – Jessica / Linda – No update
 - Bike rack education
 - Town made small stickers with a picture of how the bike should be positioned, the stickers are not placed in a place that would catch your eye
 - Overlaps with the issue of ANT bikes and the bikes being left in a way that blocked passage ways
 - **Follow-up with administrator in the Spring**; want to add the education of helmets

- Could we do this in tandem with police department and the parent associations?
- 3. DISCUSSION: Accessibility of the Swampscott beaches
 - Mr. Paster and Danielle (Rec Department) invite to next meeting to give report on her research on accessibility
 - Sam will invite his Dad, Carolina will invite Danielle
- 4. Other business that may properly come before the Commission
 - **MOTION – The Swampscott Commission on Disability will develop a proposal to bring to Capital Improvement for curb cuts, sidewalks, and cross walks in time for consideration for the fiscal year 2020.**
 - **VOTE: APPROVED**
 - DISCUSSION: Have an insert with information / facts that would be put into the Swampscott Reporter
 - Increase visibility
 - Existing free resources may be an option
 - DISCUSSION: Present information on accessible voting to Swampscott Report – Sam and Linda will follow-up
 - DISCUSSION: Reach Arts has asked for a three-year town variance, allowing them to use the full center with three years to provide accessibility. Current statue: Going before the MAAB – the date has not been set
 - We will have representation at the meeting and provide public testimony
 - Could we partner with them to assist in providing access? Raise awareness, find financial resources ...
 - Nico will reach out to Jackie (President of Reach Art) to assist
 - **MOTION: The official position of the Swampscott Commission on Disability in reference to the Reach Arts request for variance is: *The Swampscott's Commission on Disability mission is to work to ensure the full and equal access, participation, and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life in a manner that fosters dignity and self-determination. Any variance is incongruent with our mission as a Commission; therefore, we do not support granting a three-year variance to Reach Arts.***
 - **VOTE: APPROVED**
 - Trish will send an email to selectmen making them aware of our position

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Malphrus
Swampscott Commission on Disability Chair

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Revisit the meeting dates, considering meeting on a Thursday other than the third week of the month.

MEMBERS Trisha Malphrus, Chair -----, Liaison Linda Lengyel, Vice Chair Nico Flannery-Pitcher	Rupinder Sembhi Sam Paster Jessica Bombardier Carolina Velasque
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