



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2023 6:30 P.M.
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Received by Town Clerk
April 23, 2024 2:38pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: LAUREN SHRESTHA, JEFFRY BRAND, JILL SUSARREY, VIRGINIA ZELLER, JEFFREY BLONDER

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: MARY ELLEN FLETCHER, SELECT BOARD LIAISON

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES

- The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

DISCUSSION/UPDATES REGARDING PRIORITIES/INITIATIVES

- K reached out to David LaPorte, Scoutmaster for Swampscott's Boy Scout Troop 53, to see if his troop would be interested in making wooden benches for walking/hiking trails in town. Jeffrey Brand has not heard back from David LaPorte yet. Jeffrey Brand also stated that he will look into reaching out to Swampscott Highschool to inquire if they have any clubs or departments that would be interested in making the wooden benches as part of a project.
- Jill Susarrey asked the other COD members' for permission to write a letter in support of the Swampscott Council on Aging's purchase of an electric, wheelchair-accessible vehicle through the FY 24 Community Transit Grant Program. The COD members then voted unanimously in support of this letter as it would also be of benefit and use to disabled members of our community. It was then decided that the COD would meet again on December 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to vote to officially approve the letter to be written by Jill Susarrey.
- Lauren Shrestha provided an update on our goal of having the new addition to the Abbott Park playground fully fenced-in/enclosed. Lauren stated that she has yet to hear back from Marzie Galazka with any proposals or updates on where the fencing project stands. Mary Ellen Fletcher, Swampscott Select Board member and Select Board liase for the COD, then volunteered to reach out to Gino Cresta Jr. (Director of Public Works and Assistant Town Administrator, Operations for the Town of Swampscott) to try to get an update on the project, as Marzie Galazka said she was working with Gino on this project.

Upon motion, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 07:05 P.M.

True Attest,

Lauren Shrestha, Secretary, Commission on Disability