

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Hingham Town Hall
Committee Room (In person)

In attendance:

Diane DeNapoli, Chair
Stephanie Gertz, Vice Chair
Megan Baker, Secretary
Maria OLaughlin

Absent:

SCPO Keith Jermyn

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Diane DeNapoli.

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Public Comments

None at this time.

Minutes

June 8, 2021 minutes were approved.

Meeting notes process

Megan Baker will do the minutes moving forward.

Review CoD Survey/Results/Next Steps

The CoD online (Survey Monkey) & paper survey (with assistance from Hingham Light) made available town wide since April has come to an end. Results and feedback provided were reviewed/discussed and will be presented to the BOS in the near future. CoD is now in process of prioritizing the feedback and creating a punch list of sorts. Such a list will include making helpful improvements to the CoD web page, improving HP spaces throughout downtown, improving sidewalk accessibility throughout town, improving public restroom access, and community outreach.

What is new within CoD

- The CoD appearance in the 4th of July Parade was a success.

- Diane DeNapoli will represent the CoD at ADU meetings.
- Select Board Member Liz Klein will be liaison.
- New CoD Appointees: Sharon Allen and Mike Clancy. CoD has sent welcome letter. They will begin their terms at the next meeting on September 14, 2021. Their names will be added to CoD website.
- CoD has a call with Rep. Meschino on July 19th.
- Maria O'Loughlin will reach out to Jennifer Young (Senior Center Director) to set up a meet and greet.
- CoD is working with DPW and Building Inspector to look at HP parking issue downtown (near Brewed Awakenings)
- CoD is working with the Hingham Library to assist with access questions for an upcoming event on October 1
- HUC October Event – All Commission members will be considered liaisons on behalf of the CoD. Theme will be *A Day In The Life Of Your Neighbor*. Stephanie Gertz will be the moderator. Graphic design assistance still needed for flyer, logo etc. More details on the event will be available soon.
- Bathing Beach Accessibility – have reached out to Trustees of Hingham Bathing Beach to discuss inquiring beach access mat & all terrain wheelchair. Megan Baker will reach again out to Adrienne Ramsey.
- Harbor Media – Closed Captioning will soon be added to all broadcasts within a few days after being aired.

No meeting in August. Next meeting will be 9/14/21 @ 7pm. In person at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Megan Baker
Secretary