

TOWN OF YARMOUTH
DISABILITY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.
HYBIRD – ZOOM/TOWN HALL MEETING

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair. David Botting at 2:08, followed by Roll Call. The following answered "Present" Dave Botting, Chair; Gail Charette, Vice-Chair, Evelyn Beal, Clerk, Drew Krauss, Sharon Ladley and Jody Warner. Excused absence: Jessica Simmons and Mary Vilbon

Invited Guests: Deputy Police Chief, Kevin Lennon and Director of Inspectional Services, Mark Grylls. Kevin replied "Present," and Mark had notified Sarah that he would join us later after his scheduled meeting.

Motion made by Jody Warner to accept the Minutes of February 18, 2022, and seconded by Drew Krauss. Individual Roll Call, all answered in the Affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Botting, Chair welcomed and invited Deputy Police Chief, Kevin Lennon to give his report. Kevin stated that after his meeting with us, the Police were more understanding of our concerns. They indicated more willingness to support our efforts. When called to any parking lots they will scan Handicap parking spots to be sure they are not being used illegally. They will look to see if a placard is being displayed, and if not will issue a warning the first time. After that fines can be imposed from \$100 to \$300. It's the responsibility of the developer or business owner to place and maintain the signs. Kevin stated that he feels the public needs to be more educated regarding the Handicap Signs.

Dave asked for a volunteer to draft a letter educating the public concerning the signs. Evelyn offered to do so.

At this point, Dave called on Mark Grylls to clarify signage. Mark had brought his section of the copy of the State's Architectural Board that related to handicapped signage and read a portion to us. Some discussion ensued and Mark read another portion. The language is not exactly specific re the signage. Dave asked if we could have access to the standards. Mark replied that it is available to all.

It was suggested that we add this resource to our website. Sarah agreed to take care of it.

After thanking both Kevin and Mark, they left the meeting. Dave then mentioned the tracker with reference to the McDonald case. After ascertaining that no one was assured it was closed, Dave offered to double check its status with Sarah's assistance.

BUDGET - Sarah

She still has to check whether funds can be rolled over as well as time period. Sarah also has to talk to the right people to get answer on ways we can raise funds. Do we need to work through another Committee or Organization?

CAM Virtual Monitor Training. Jean Boyle

Jean handed out several documents regarding CAM program. They hold a 5 hour training sessions on two days designed to inform and educate on how to make our community more accessible for disabled residents. After a discussion period where everyone was favorably impressed, Jody made a motion and Evelyn seconded to hold a CAM training. Dates to be between April 1st and no later than May. School vacation is the week of April 18th. Dave asked Jean to contact CAM and arrange to set it up. Jean agreed to handle the assignment. Individual Roll Call, all votes in the Affirmative, so moved.

NEW BUSINESS: SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Gail gave a synopsis of general idea of this part of the meeting. She added one of her Ideas to have a Town Map of all designated parking spots. Sarah responded with comments to the effect that this might be a good idea In the future but not relative to our charge at present. Dave agreed.

The text we received asked us to present our ideas of what projects we feel Important for our Commission to accomplish first.

Evelyn spoke up saying that she felt that the Postcard/Brochure aimed at Businesses would be better directed to residents. Businesses already have to conform to many regulations. An informational designed to educate and help with awareness for residents might be a better way to go. It could answer questions like "Who can I talk to? Where can I find disability Equipment? What other resources are available? How do I get Handicap Beach Stickers? Where is Handicap parking? Etc, etc."

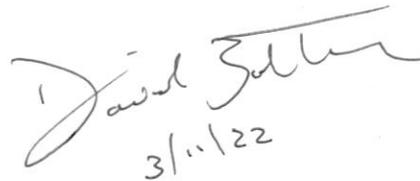
The second part of the notice Gail sent out was our take on our involvement with the Town of Yarmouth Senior Center. Lisa Noferi is the contact person in that regard. She is very supportive to our presence at the Center. She will set up a table in the lobby. She mentioned that the best days for other activities going on would be Tuesday (best) and Wednesday (second best). Time suggestion between 9:00 - 11:00. She suggested that having handouts containing informational resources would be good plus referring people to our Website. We just need to let her know Date and Time. After much discussion as to how often, time period and so forth. Jody made a motion to be a presence for one day in the month of March as a trial run". Seconded by Sharon. Individual Roll Call, all in the Affirmative, so moved.

Drew immediately volunteered Evelyn and himself for that duty and Evelyn agreed. The date of Tuesday, March 15th from 9:30- 11:00 was selected.

Motion to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. All in favor, Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Beal, Clerk



David Sutton
3/11/22