



The Town of Millbury Commission on Disabilities

Municipal Office Building 127 Elm Street Millbury, Ma. 01527

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Meeting Minutes

Date; June 13, 2019 Time; 6:30 PM

Present;

Mike Kennedy; Chair, Debbi Dymek; Secretary, Jim Clifford, Kent Stowe; Treasurer, Dan Jakes and Justin Dobson.

Guest;

Paul Stringham, Building Inspector

Meeting Minutes;

The minutes for the May 9, 2019 meeting were read and accepted as written. Motion by Dan to accept and second by Jim. All members voted unanimously.

Millbury Self-Evaluation Transition Plan:

Mike Had contacted the Town Manager with the request along with a scanned copy of the Town Hall transition results from 2006. He then requested that he work with someone to go around Town Hall to make a list of access issues that should be corrected. Mr. Marciello assigned this task to Justine Caggiano, who will be contacting Mike with a time and date to accomplish this task.

Update:

The Millbury Planning Board is in the process of conducting an open space and recreational report for the Central Mass Planning Commission.

Mike will go around town with the new intern, Emma looking at and evaluating the accessibility in, about eight recreational sites in town.

Mike asked Dan if he would like to go along and check out some of these parks, seeing that he has some background in ADA regulations. Dan agreed to accompany Mike and Emma.

Mike announced that the WRTA is looking for an individual who is a resident of a surrounding town, not a Worcester resident, to join their advisory board and represent the interests of commuters with disabilities. Anyone that has a mobility issue or has a family member with a disability issue can contact Mike or contact the WRTA directly.

Our commission was sent a letter from the Commonwealth of Mass Consumer Affairs from the desk of Robert Putnam, who is a research and special projects manager for the Mass Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. Part of his job is community

outreach and gives free presentations throughout the Commonwealth. If we are interested, he will come to us and give us a presentation on several topics of our choosing.

Mike also suggested, if we wanted anyone from the MOD to come in and speak, we can contact Jeff Dougan to come and give us a presentation in the future.

Dan, Jim and Debbi were talking before the meeting about a Disability Expo to be held either at the Town Block Party or at the School Disability Fair or any other meeting place. Dan said that he would pursue this issue.

Mike announced the MOD Fifth Annual Disability Summit to be held on September 27, 2019 from 8:30 to 12:30 at the Boston Convention and Exposition Center 415 Summer St. Boston.

Mike also mentioned that the MOD has CAM training several times a year. This would be interesting for the new members. Debbi will look into this event.

Paul Stringham stopped in to our meeting and asked our assistance if anyone would like to do a walk through at Puffins before it opened to check if all is in compliance. Mike and Dan may take him up on this offer.

Certificate of Organization:

Mike asked all officers if they wanted to keep their positions and then asked all other members if they would like to take on any of these positions.

Debbi made a motion to accept everyone on the slate. Mike Kennedy; chairman, Tom Brown; vice chair, Debbi Dymek; secretary, Kent Stowe; treasurer, Dan Jakes; member, Justin Dobson; member and Jim Clifford; member.

Jim second the motion.

All voted unanimously.

Debbi presented the treasurer with a sales slip to bring to the financial department at Town Hall for reimbursement and Debbi then gave Mike a flash drive containing all the minutes from when she was secretary.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Debbi.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on August 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Dymek, Secretary

Mike Kennedy, Chair

Jim Clifford
Kent Stowe
Justin Dobson