

Town of South Hadley Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of virtual meeting of Commission on Disabilities. 01/20/2021, 5:30 pm.

Present: Susan Dunderdale, Johnstone Campbell, Lawrence Dubois, and Tay Silveira. Absent Jamie Mazur.

Susan called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm.

Minutes of 11-18-2020 were approved. Johnstone motioned and Tay seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Susan went over the status of our town-wide disabilities survey. The town will put the survey on the web for individuals to fill out and we can get paper copies to individuals who don't have access to the web. Susan will look at getting paper copies to the council on aging. When the survey is ready Susan will send us a link. Tay asked if it was possible for COD to have a voicemail box so individuals can have a permanent contact number that's not a member's personal number.

Susan talked about the Channel 15 video introduction to the COD. Larry informed the group that he had linked the video on the commissions web page. Susan also informed the group about articles that were in the November 20, 2020 town reminder introducing the group.

The group was wondering about the temporary nature of the towns ADA coordinator and if there was a search would the commission be involved. Larry will put together a letter to the Selectboard copying the town Administrator asking for clarification.

The group began to review a priority list for items to be brought into ADA compliance. The group felt that a handicap accessible park is important and should be included in the priorities. Sidewalks should be brought up to code. Town hall items that should be addressed are:

A. Safety concerns

B. Impediments to egress and

C. a ramp to the first floor at town hall.

Other items include low cost items at the library and the path to the library courtyard.

Johnstone was interested in how ADA accessible the dog park will be and suggested that we might want to look at that in the future. This might be an item for a future meeting. Tay will contact the friends of the dog park about setting something up for the future.

Susan told us that Jeff Dugan will be working with us at our February meeting.

Susan talked about snow removal and that we will need to cover this in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 Larry motioned to adjourn and Johnstone seconded the motion.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 17th 5:30 to 7

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Dubois (Secretary)