

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT Commission on Disability

Swampscott Commission on Disability meeting notes.

Date: March 16, 2017
Location: Swampscott Town Hall, 1st floor conference room
Begins at: 7:00 pm

In attendance: Trish Malphrus, Sam Paster, Jim Badger, Linda Lengyel, and Nico Flannery-Pitcher.

Others in attendance: Cole and David

Absent: Rupinder Sembhi

1. Review and approve minutes from previous meetings
 - No meeting minutes; the last meeting was not a quorum
2. Introduction of Sean Fitzgerald, New Town Manager
 - Delayed until a future meeting
3. New and old Business
 - a. Organizational work, including Logo discussion
 - Motion – The SCoD will use the State or Township symbol for our logo; if either of those change, our logo will reflect the change. Unanimously passed.
 - b. New business
 - Sidewalks and curb cuts – snow not cleared in some areas; impacts accessibility for many people.
 - Trish will send email to Geno, Pete and new town manager to determine if there is a policy that covers removing snow.
 - c. UPDATES:
 - Proposal for term changes
 - Will be presented at the June Selectmen's meeting.
 - Clark Elementary School
 - An accessible parking space is being added on the corner of Hampdon St. and Ellis Rd. Scheduled to be painted once the weather warms
 - No update on whether the ramp is to code
 - Housing: consideration of an accessible housing list as a service to the community
 - People have inquired about the status of accessible housing; requesting a resource list.
 - Check with Realtors to see if there is an existing list – Trish will reach out to Glen.
 - Nico will reach out to the Independent Living Center to see if there is a list available
 - Town web site and Facebook presence

- Currently the Facebook page is populated by a town representative.
 - Should we have committees?
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- d. Discussion about Seminar on asking tough questions
- Structure questions – Does the town have an ADA coordinator with expertise – speak with Sean Fitzgerald
 - Charles McCraw does diversity training for the Commonwealth; Commission for the Blind. His presentations are interactive. How you make judgements. Jim will reach out to.
 - Consensus – we should investigate this as a possibility
4. Other business that may properly come before the Commission
- **MBTA – email from The Ride**
 - Discussion of proposal after more information is gathered
 - Possible ACTION
 - Write a letter in opposition
 - Connect with disability groups in the area and join their efforts
 - Call our reps
 - Call to Action on facebook page
 - Jim will find out who the decision makers are; Sam will ask Dan on Monday – will email Trish, who will email the Commission
 - Mass Office of Disability
 - Nico & Trish will send list of other Commissions to Commission
 - **Discussed additional challenges with The Ride**
 - Sam will ask Dan if someone can visit to see what he is doing at The Ride

NEXT meeting – organizational stuff and review the rules

Trisha Malphrus
Commission on Disability Chair

MEMBERS

Trisha Malphrus, Chair
Jim Badger, Vice Chair
Linda Lengyel, Secretary
Rupinder Sembhi
Sam Paster
Nico Flannery-Pitcher
Laura Semphi

2017 MEETING DATES

January 26 th	July 20 th
February 23 rd	August 17 th
March 16 th	September 21 st
April 20 th	October 19 th
May 18 th	November 16 th
June 15 th	December 14 th