

TOWN OF YARMOUTH  
DISABILITY COMMISSION  
JANUARY 14, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.  
HYBIRD – ZOOM/TOWN HALL MEETING

MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME – 2:05 pm

OPEN MEETING LAW DAVE BOTTING CHAIR

ROLL CALL - Chair, Dave Botting; Vice Chair, Gail Charette; Clerk, Evelyn Beal; Jean Boyle (new member), Drew Krauss, Sharon Ladley, Jody Warner.

Staff: Sarah O'Reilly, "Present".

Public Input. Hearing none, we'll move on to agenda

Mark Grylls, Director of Inspectional Services was invited but unable to come today, but will reschedule.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF January 14, 2022

Jody moved the Minutes and Jean Seconded. Individual Roll Call: All in the Affirmative.

Police Update: Kevin Lennon, Deputy Police Chief apologized for being unable to attend due to other duties. However, he talked things over with Dave who then shared with us. Having Kevin at one of our previous meetings made him more aware of our endeavors and elicited a positive result with his department. He plans to meet with our commission in the future.

WELCOME

Dave extended a warm welcome to Jean Boyle who is now an Official Member of our Commission.

UPDATE ON ASSIGNED PROJECTS:

A. Evelyn secured with Lisa Noferi's help a date and time for our Commission to be present and have a table. Gail Volunteered to man the table. She went equipped with "An Unexpected Friendship" as a talking point and a couple of Bookmarks. She was there for two hours and had an opportunity to speak with a few people about our Disability Commission.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of Open and Closed Cases. - Dave

Before we began, there was some discussion about a case that concerned a " Ramp". Upon questioning the Committee had no Knowledge of such a request. Apparently the request came from Dianne at Senior Center wondering if the Landlord or tenant was responsible for the ramp. Having no further information, it was decided to give it #21-00 and put it in the "Closed" file.

Case #21-01. Mix-up on Meeting Time

Case #21-02. Person looking for help with Neuropathy. This has been referred to CORD, Dave will check on Progress.

Case #21-03. This refers to satisfaction of solution. Drew made 2 email attempts for answer, no response. This case also to be placed in "Closed" files.

Case #21-04. Sidewalk/Crosswalk issue for Transition Centers. This case has been worked on by both Dave and Evelyn. Dave now has the lead and it has advanced to a letter being sent to MassDot's Mary Perry for action and signed by Town Administrator and Dave.

Case #21-05. Help securing a lift chair for disabled son. Jody volunteered but needed help securing truck and helpers. Gail had a chair she was planning to donate so offered to handle this case. Chair delivered.

Case #21-06. Complaint re van accessibility Hearth n Kettle. Being handled by Sarah O'Reilly & Dave Botting.

Case #21-07. Complaint re Handicap Parking at McDonald's. Being handled by Sarah O'Reilly & Dave Botting.

There was a brief discussion on how some of the cases had been handled which was explained by the circumstances.

Case #21-08. Outside of Yarmouth Case issue re Parking at Apt: Case resolved

At this point, Dave introduced the updated Tracker which he had already sent to all members. It now has an Open and Closed Section which we reviewed.

Dave mentioned that we have two people being presented to the Selectmen for Membership at their January 25th meeting. Jessica Simmons and Mary Vibon. We look forward to welcoming them in our February meeting.

#### BUDGET:

Gail was asked to come up with something for businesses we could present for budgetary review. A request for \$1500.00 has been placed, but a foundation for how money could be used is needed.

Gail has made survey through other sources and informed that a total of 950 businesses are located in Yarmouth. Ideas using Posters, Hand-outs etc, were viewed and outcome was a postcard referring businesses to the website where all kinds of resources are listed. Other projects are being considered. 1.000 Postcards, with mailing costs and a vinyl display card with logo for window runs around \$779.00. This is one idea. We are free to do other projects.

Question raised as to how much money remaining in our account. Sarah to check on that for next meeting. Questions also asking for what happens to our money at end of fiscal year. Does it roll over or does it revert back to the Town.

ACTION: Sarah to send communique for the answers.

Dave recognized Gail. Gail shared her concerns re our lack of time to share ideas and work on projects. It should be something in which we all contribute. At this point, Dave called on Jean. She shared that she had contacted Jeff Dugan of MOD re CAM (Community Access Monitor). This is a training workshop consisting of 2 Five hour sessions. Dave interjected due to our time constraints if she would report about it at next meeting.

General Business: it is felt by some of the members that with only an hour session, we don't have time to plan/work on our projects. Therefore, Gail made a motion to have an additional 30 minutes Added to our next meeting. Evelyn seconded. Members in agreement. Dave said that as he would have

to leave at 3:00 p.m.

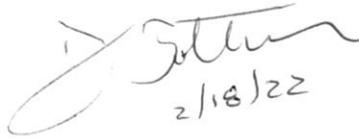
He would appoint Gail to Chair the extra time.

We can expect an Agenda from Gail concerning what is to be covered in that time period.

Just before we closed, Dave shared that on Case #21-04, he read a letter on Town Stationery to Mary Perry of MassDot to ask for Sidewalk/Crossing aid which was signed by both the Town Administrator, and Dave.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Jody and seconded by Jean. Individual Roll Call all answered in the Affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Evelyn Beal, Clerk



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