

TOWN OF YARMOUTH  
DISABILITY COMMISSION  
HYBRID/TOWN HALL ROOM A  
JUNE 17, 2022. 2:00 p.m.

#### MINUTES

Chairman Dave Botting opened the meeting and called it to Order. The Reading of the General Laws followed. Individual Roll Call with Dave Botting, Gail Charette (on Zoom), Jean Boyle, Jody Warner all answered "Present".

Excused Absence: Evelyn Beal, Drew Krauss, Jessica Simmons, Mary Vilbon  
Staff: Sarah O'Reilly. "Present"

Since there is not a quorum, it was determined that an informational meeting may be held, however there will not be voting at this meeting.

#### REVIEW TERM OF OFFICE:

Dave shared with the group that he was sworn in last week with his term ending January 2023. He asked Jody to confirm that he was sworn in for another term.

#### Open Space and Recreation Plan

Kathy Williams, Town Planner presented on the Open space and Recreation Plan. She is putting together an "Ad-Hoc" Committee to review and update this plan and is requesting a member of the Disability Commission to be on this committee. This is an 8–12-month commitment to review the information, set goals, participate in public outreach, and finalize the plan. Jody Warner expressed interest; however, it was determined that we wait until the July meeting should there be another member that is interested in being appointed to this committee.

#### Sandy Pond Playground and Splash Pad

Amanda Lima, Town Engineer presented an overview of the Sandy Pond Playground and Splash Pad project that the Town has approved and is in the planning and implementation stages.

#### Handicapped Parking Complaints

Dave shared that the commission was notified by the state that there have been complaints filed regarding handicapped parking. Specifically, the complaints were in regards to a lack of van accessible parking spaces at the businesses. These businesses have 14 days to resolve the issue. Sarah let the group know that she had discussed these with the Building Commissioner and he will be working with the building inspector to educate businesses on the handicapped parking requirements. There was discussion about working with the Chamber of Commerce to educate businesses in Town on the requirements for handicapped parking. It was discussed to create a handout to educate businesses. Jean will get info from MOD. Sarah will contact Barnstable regarding materials.

#### Rep-Payee Program

Sarah reported that Jessica had confirmed a presentation on the Rep-payee program at our July meeting.

#### Yarmouth Port Sidewalk

This was deferred to next meeting.

Bike Trail access

Dave reported that he is pursuing grants for access from the Community Connections parking lot to the rail trail.

Term Follow Up

Sarah shared that the commission shall be organized annually. There is not a requirement that this align with the calendar year or fiscal year as long as the commission organizes annually. Gail referenced the blue boards and commissions book which states the commission organizes during the meeting following the annual Town election. It is agreed that further information is needed.

Commission By-Laws

Jean reported that she has completed her review of the Town commission handbook, commission charge and MOD by-laws. She has created draft by-laws which were distributed. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

Senior Center

Jody reported that he filled in and staffed the table at the Senior Center. The turnout was light. It was discussed that we rotate the day of the week and staff the table on a different day next month so different people may be there. It was also discussed that we consider whether continuing to staff the table is viable.

Budget

Sarah will follow up to determine if a budget was approved for Disability Commission for FY23 and how to encumber the funds from FY22.

Minutes:

May minutes held for next meeting.

Next Meeting, July 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah O'Reilly

*Gail Butler*  
8/19/22