

Chairman Dave Botting called the October 16, 2020 meeting of the Disability Commission to order at 2:03 pm. In accordance with Gov. Baker's March ruling, it was a Zoom meeting.

Members present:

Drew Krauss

Jody Warner

Dave Botting

Sharon Ladley

Members excused:

Evelyn Beal

Gail Charette

Members absent:

Alison Strumski

Staff and Guest:

Pat Armstrong, Director of Community Services

Sarah O'Reilly, Director of Human Resources

Angela Hurwitz, Website Consultant

The revised minutes of the September 18, 2020 meeting were reviewed. On a motion made by Sharon Ladley and seconded by Drew Krauss, the revised minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The next order of business was updates.

Sarah O'Reilly has attempted to reach Alison Strumski, both by phone and email, to see if she wants to remain on the Commission. Sarah's next step will be to mail Alison a letter. Sarah contacted the Yarmouth Town Clerk's office which verified that the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the creation of the Commission. She also contact Police Chief Frederickson about the process for collecting fines for violating the law on handicap parking spaces and having part of the fees fund the Commission. He said there is no current process active but there was in the past. She will meet with either the Chief or his designee to review the situation and will bring recommendations to the Commission.

Angela Hurwitz provided updates on the town website. Angela developed a form on the website that people looking for assistance from or information about the Commission can complete. Pat Armstrong said she has written a Request for Proposal for the town to hire an expert who will be tasked with organizing current and older meeting videos as well as ways to improve accessing and viewing them.

Dave initiated discussion about the goals of the Commission. He has examples of what appears on other towns' websites which he will distribute to the commission members. He asked members to review them for discussion at our next meeting. The intent is to develop statements for the Commission's vision and mission. He would like to have the Commission review each charge on its charge from the Board of Selectmen at each meeting and discuss how the charge will be done.

Under New Business, Dave said there will be a free virtual Disability Summit on Thursday, October 29, 9 am to 1 pm. Sharon and Drew will attend and Dave attend as much as his schedule allows.

Our next meeting will be Friday, November 13, 2020, 2 pm.

On a motion from Sharon and seconded by Drew, the meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Ladley