

TOWN OF YARMOUTH  
DISABILITY COMMISSION  
HYBRID/MEETING ROOM  
MAY 13, 2022. 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Chair opened the meeting by reading the General Laws including information in regard to Hybrid meetings. The meeting continued with a Roll Call: Dave Botting, Chair, Jody Warner, Vice Chair, Evelyn Beal, Clerk, Jean Boyle, Drew Krauss, Jessica Simmons, with Gail Charette and Mary Vilbon on Zoom. All answered in the Affirmative. Sharon Ladley has resigned, and we thank her for her service to the Town and our Commission.  
Staff Roll Call, Human Resource Director, Sarah O'Reilly, "Present".

Guest Introduction. Mary Maslowski, Town Clerk  
Chair stated that he has invited the Town Clerk to our meeting and she will attend when finished with her meeting.

No Public comment

Motion to accept Minutes of March 11, 2022.

The Clerk motioned that she would like to speak to that, Chair agreed.

The statement made to the effect that according to Parliamentary procedure which was not followed, the minutes contained too much extraneous information, thereby necessitating revision.

At this point, Town Clerk, Mary Maslowski, joined us. She stated that "not knowing our circumstances but as volunteers appreciated our service." At this point, Chair shared that an election should follow some sort of order such as nominating a person, seconding it followed by a discussion before the vote. Mary interjected that was correct. Some form of parliamentary process using or not Rogers Rule of Order should be followed. She mentioned that we should all have received on being "sworn in" the Town of Yarmouth Handbook For Boards, Committees and Commissions. If we don't have one, we can obtain one either from her office or from Sarah. The Chair asked if anyone besides himself needed to be sworn in, hearing no answer, stated he would take care of himself. One more matter he asked the Town Clerk to check on regarding our vote to change our fiscal year, Town Clerk responded that she would check the Town Charter and report back at our June 10th meeting. Dave thanked her for her participation and future research.

Meeting resumed - Chair mentioned that all members had received a revised copy of Minutes via email.

Motion made by Vice Chair, Jody Warner to approve revised Minutes, and Seconded by Drew Krauss. Discussion ensued as to why revision necessary. The Staff person and the Chair listened to the recording of the meeting and produced the revised copy. Chair asked for any other comments. The Vice Chair claimed the Minutes were not accurate. Mary Vilbon said that it was her first meeting and as she had not seen the first Minutes, the revised minutes were about what happened.

Vote taken, Affirmative: Dave Botting, Chair; Jody Warner, Vice Chair; Jean Boyle; Drew Krauss; Jessica Simmons, Mary Vilbon Abstain: Gail Charette; Evelyn Beal, Clerk

Motion passed.

UPDATES:

C. A. M. Jean Boyle reported that the members who signed up for the 6/8 and [6/15](#) spots were already filled. Other dates for this year are [Sept 13](#) and [Nov 2](#), 3. With no interest being shown, in these dates, Chair said to stay on the list making note that we are interested in being a "Host" in 2023. Jean asked to keep us informed. Motion made by Clerk that we wish to partake in this project, seconded by Vice Chair. Roll Call of Members unanimous. Motion passed.

Senior Center Meet & Greet: March 15, 2022. Drew & Evelyn

Staff Person, Lisa Noferi, set up a table and flyer in lobby for us. We brought Bookmarks, two copies of book "An Unexpected Friendship" plus our laptops, forms to fill out, etc., and a sign Drew designed. We introduced ourselves to approximately 20 persons. Acquainted them re our Commission, our Webpage, and invited them to contact us with any concerns. Motion made by Drew for a two person team to go to the Senior Center once a month for four months and at the end of that period to re-evaluate. Seconded by Jean. Roll call voted unanimously by all members. Motion passed.

The Chair asked for 2 volunteers and Jessica and Evelyn responded. The Chair left it in their hands to follow through with setting up a June meeting,

TRACKER:

21-04. Transition Centers sidewalk issue. Letter received denying project. Some members wish to continue along with Chamber of Commerce. Motion: Drew Krauss, I move that in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, we continue this issue, and further that some of us attend a future Selectman's meeting to speak on this subject. Seconded by Jody Warner. Roll call, Affirmative. Motion passed. Mary Vilbon asked that a letter be sent to Scott Chausee at Transition Center. Clerk volunteered to handle it.

21-06. Mc Donald parking issue. Sarah to follow up on it but Jody interjected that it had been corrected. Item Closed.

22-01. Community member with Parkinson's disease looking for household help. Assigned to Jessica.

22-02 Disability Law Center wish to present "Rep Payee Review" Program. Jessica will invite him to an upcoming meeting.

22-03. Submitted by Linda MsKinney from Barnstable. An applicant looking for Scholarship funds. Sarah provided her with info on how to apply to the Yarmouth Scholarship funds. Item Closed.

22-04. Rt. 6A parking issue

On Route 6A there is a cluster of stores', and a new owner expanded the parking area in front of his store which eliminated the sidewalk thereby forcing people to walk out in the street. This matter is being handled by the Town of Yarmouth, DPW Director Jeff Colby and the Chamber of Commerce. Chair felt that the Disability Commission should be informed and since Mary Vilbon is both Director of Chamber of Commerce and our Board Member, Chair requested that she keep us advised on the issue.

22-05. Dave, as CEO of Community Connections, Inc, was approached by several wheelchair clients who would like to use the bike trail. It is located behind his offices but a 20 yard buffer of a grass barrier stops access. Ownership? State or Town Dave took this case and will check with the Town first: Kathy Williams and Jeff Colby. He will report back.

Chair mentioned Sharon Ladley's resignation and asked Clerk to send a thank you letter.

DISCUSSIONS:

The issues of Parliamentary and By-Laws was raised. It would help make meetings run more smoothly. M.O.D. Has By-Laws we can look into along with other places. Motion made by Clerk that we put this on for next month with a 3 member sub-committee with Jean Boyle as Chair. Seconded by Jessica Simpson. Roll Call. All members voted affirmatively. Motion passed. Jean will choose her Committee and update us at next meeting.

SPLASH POND. Recreation Dept. had a meeting, but Mary had no update,

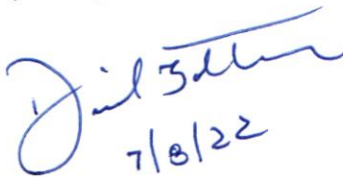
MILESTONE DISCUSSIONS:

QUESTION: Should we continue being a part of the Milestone Publication? Consensus from members was that it gave us free exposure and a vehicle to communicate with citizens. Our former Vice-Chair had been the person responsible for write-ups and is unable to continue the job. Several discussions took place as to who should be the responsible person. Motion: Jody made a motion that we will continue doing the Milestone Publication. Seconded by Drew. Roll Call. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed. Vice Chair agreed to take this on and asked former Vice Chair for help. Immediate agreement was reached.

Our next meeting will be held [on June 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

Chair made the Motion to Adjourn [at 3:25 p.m.](#) Jessica seconded. Affirmative Roll Call by all members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Evelyn Beal, Clerk

  
7/8/22