

Andover Commission on Disability—June 17, 2020 Commission Meeting

After the agenda was duly posted and distributed the meeting was conducted virtually through WebEx at 6:40 p.m.

Present: Chair Julie Pike, Justin Coppola Sr., Justin Coppola Jr., Kathleen Dolan, Trish Leelman, Virginia McLeod, Eileen Reilly, Jemma Lambert, and Steve Surette. Also present: Town of Andover Facilities Director/ADA Coordinator Janet Nicosia, and Senior Center Liaison Molly Bicking.

Minutes: Justin Sr. made a motion to approve the February 26, 2020 minutes and Trish seconded. Unanimously passed. Steve made a motion to approve the May 27 minutes as amended by Justin Sr. and Eileen seconded. Unanimously passed.

Old Business – Updates:

Spot Checks: Steve reported that the first section of paving involving gas restoration and state money has been underway, and sidewalk work will begin in a few weeks.

25th Celebration: Kathleen reported that she spoke with Community Services Librarian Stefani Traina, and although a zoom presentation was mentioned as a possibility, it was agreed to wait until next Spring and hope to have the presentation as planned.

Warrant Articles: Several articles were discussed, first Historic Mill District (HMD) Articles 15, 16, and 17. Ms. Nicosia highlighted and presented a brief description of each. Article 15 involves the sale of Lewis Street, Article 16 the discontinuation of a portion of Lewis Street, and Article 17 Town Land taking. Justin Sr. noted that these articles do not specifically relate to ADA issues within the purview of the commission, and Jemma responded that there were traffic flow and access issues such as sidewalk and bike path improvements within these Articles that may be of interest to the commission.

Justin Sr. said that the RFP portion of the HMD Articles should be open to ACOD vote. With respect to the Former Andover Town Yard Site RFP Article 15, this would include the last four sentences-- especially the part talking about restrictions on use that are in the best interests of the Town. Justin Sr. further noted that all State and Federal ADA provisions would already be included in the RFP.

Justin Sr made a motion to support Article 15 and Eileen seconded. Passed.

Roll call: Justin Sr., yes; Justin Jr. yes; Eileen yes; Trish yes; Virginia yes; Kathleen no; Jemma yes; Steve yes.

Article 22 is a CIP Borrowing Article. ADA related projects include major town projects such as town office improvements amounting to \$825K and town- wide assisted listening devices also previously discussed, for \$50K. Article 22 also includes Major School Projects such as the \$200K design plan for the Doherty School elevator renovation, Wood Hill and High Plain playground improvements, and Sanborn Elementary AC design and the Sidewalk Program for \$950K.

Janet further noted that Article 8 sections b and d involve transportation subsidies and property tax exemptions for the elderly and disabled.

Article 24 is a CIP Free Cash Article. ADA related provisions include Town ADA compliance for \$75K; School ADA compliance \$50K; and Minor sidewalk repairs for \$200K. Julie noted that the commission voted in favor of this Article at the May 27, 2020 commission meeting.

Justin Sr. made a motion to approve Articles 8 and 22. Steve seconded and unanimously passed.

Roll call vote:

Justin Sr. yes; Justin Jr. yes; Eileen yes; Trish yes; Virginia yes; Kathleen yes; Jemma yes Steve yes.

New Business

Budget:

Jemma asked that the commission consider a request to fund (in whole or in part) a walk- in freezer for the Town's Senior Center or in the alternative audio visual devices for use in each room of the Senior Center. The commission thought the audio- visual devices were a better idea. The partnership between the Friends of the Senior Center and various public partners have been actively fund raising especially during these last few months. Justin Sr. said it makes sense to support this request. Kathleen said she would support it and asked if it would be for the entire \$5K in the commission's budget. Julie responded affirmatively.

Kathleen then made a motion that the commission allocate the \$5K in its budget to the Senior Center. Steve seconded and the motion passed with Jemma abstaining.

Roll call: Justin Sr. yes; Justin Jr. yes; Eileen yes; Trish yes; Virginia yes; Jemma abstain, Steve yes; Kathleen yes

Julie said she will write a request to have the money transferred.

Julie asked whether we should be thinking about Andover Day and Justin Sr. said it is too early to tell whether this event will take place, and members agreed. Julie noted that although we usually meet in either July or August during the summer, this year the July meeting would fall in what is now scheduled to be Town Meeting. It was agreed to meet in August.

Announcements: Eileen noted that she had difficulty hearing others speak at this meeting. Others agreed. Agreement to mute all but the person speaking at future remote meetings.

Adjournment: Justin Sr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. and Trish seconded. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting: *August 26, 2020 to be held virtually.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan McKelliget

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