

Andover Commission on Disability—March 23, 2016 Committee Meeting

After the agenda was duly posted and distributed, the meeting was convened on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:36 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, Lower Level.

Present Co-Chair Sarah Paterson, Donna Gorzela, Julie Pike, Stephen Surette, Justin Coppola Jr. Also present: Justin Coppola Sr.

Minutes Julie made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 24th, 2016 meeting and Donna seconded. Unanimously approved.

Old Business—Updates

Spot Checks: A brief update on pot holes and other related road and side walk issues ensued and Justin Jr. mentioned that the sidewalks from the Ballardvale playground/train station area are in rough shape and need to be looked at. *Action Item: Stephen noted and will put in a work order for this area.*

April 27th regional COD meeting: As previously noted, there is no ACOD evening meeting in April as ACOD is hosting the regional meeting in April. Julie, Donna, Stephen, Justin Jr. and Justin Sr. plan to attend the forum which will be held at the Massachusetts School of Law from 11 am to 2 pm. It will be accessible with free parking. ACOD members will meet following the regional meeting. *Action Item: Sarah will be in touch with Frank at the Center at Punchard regarding catering and delivery of food for the event.*

New Business

Membership recruitment: An appeal to recruit new ACOD members is now posted on the Town website but there is a further need to distribute postings through-out the town in other venues. Potential applicants likewise need to be referred to the talent bank. We have not heard anything yet from Jen's recruitment posting with Andover Mums. *Action Item: Justin Sr. Volunteered to post recruitment notices at the town offices and Sarah will post same at the town library.*

ACOD Chair: Sarah reiterated that the commission needs to have either a chair, co-chair or even temporary chair in place prior to the July meeting. The commission members were asked to think about this position as well as outreach for new members.

Announcements: Justin Sr. reported that he and Justin Jr. were not able to attend the last ACOD meeting as they went to the February 24th Andover Community Forum covering town and school building plans. The meeting was held at the Cormier Youth Center. Although it was not a meeting directly relevant to the mission of ACOD, it was of interest as an opportunity for community input with respect to building issues over the next 10 years. At least 75 people attended including town citizens, employees and officials. Justin Sr. further reported that the town has hired a consultant with a strong background in school buildings, and interested parties have walked through every building at this point.

Adjournment: At 7:15 p.m. Steve made a motion to adjourn and Justin Jr. seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Next meeting: May 25th, 6:30 pm (See above notice about April 27th meeting)
Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, Lower Level*

Respectfully Submitted

Susan McKelliget