

Andover Commission on Disability—June 22, 2016 Committee Meeting

After the agenda was duly posted and distributed, the meeting was convened on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:54 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, Lower Level.

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

Minutes Julie made a motion to accept the March 23d meeting minutes and Justin Jr. seconded. Unanimously approved. Justin Jr. made a motion to accept the May 25th meeting minutes and Donna seconded. Unanimously approved. (As noted previously, the April meeting was substituted with the ACOD's hosting of the regional MOD meeting at the Massachusetts School of Law.)

New Business

Budget Issue

Discussion about whether ACOD would contribute to the “**Andover Trails for accessibility modifications**” –**specifically the proposed Haggetts Pond Reservation Persons with Disabilities Accessible Trail**—ensued after Jen presented information she received from Ellen Townson. Ellen is a volunteer on this project and has been in touch with ACOD on this and other issues. The Andover Conservation Commission has been working for the last 2 years on creating an ADA compliant trail and fishing spot accessible to all. ACOD member Stephen Surette (also of the DPW) and Conservation members were involved in choosing this site as the best fit for the community. The commission discussed the following:

- Funding an Engineering Plan for the Parking Lot (to include 2 handicap spaces) and Entrance--\$4,400.
- Funding an ADA Compliant Informational Kiosk --Materials to be constructed at the entrance site to include ADA required information-- \$45.00

Julie made a motion to approve funding both the Engineering Plan and the Information Kiosk for a total of \$4,445. Justin Jr. seconded. Unanimously approved. Justin Jr. noted that a plaque recognizing ACOD, perhaps on the kiosk, should be brought to Ellen Townson's attention

Future of ACOD—Sarah and Jen noted that tonight is their last night as Co-Chairs and the Commission thanked them for their time spent with ACOD and wished them well. Sarah asked for nominees for Chair and Julie agreed to take on the Chair for the next fiscal year. Justin made a motion to nominate Julie for chair starting July 1st 2016 and Donna seconded. Unanimously approved. **Action Item: Sarah agreed to inform Jeff Dougan of MOD about status of ACOD membership. Sarah will also cancel the Library meeting room for July 2016 as**

there will be no meeting until August. Donna will be a website contact for updates and Sarah agreed to assist with this process.

Announcements: Members expressed a desire to recognize/memorialize the many years that former member/co-chair Maddy St. Amand, who passed away recently, put into the ACOD.

Adjournment: At 7:48 p.m. Justin Jr. made a motion to adjourn and Donna seconded. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting:

August 24th, 2016 Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, Lower Level

Respectfully Submitted

Susan McKelliget