

Foxborough Commission on Disability
Minutes of September 15, 2021

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Jim Mullin, Margaret Chaisson, David DePizzo, Charlie Hobbs, Barry Ringler, Bob Siteman, Sheri Barrett and Cindy Curran. Two (2) ASL interpreters were also present. James Houlihan, who is hoping to join the FCOD, was also present. Absent: Dave Foscaldo

Guest speaker:

Joanne LaFerrara from GATRA (Greater Attleboro/Taunton Regional Transit Authority) joined the FCOD to discuss all of the new transportation options for Foxboro Residents. Joanne shared a wealth of information and the FCOD will make the information available on their social media.

Peace Day:

Peace Day will be Sunday, September 19th @ 2 o'clock on the common. Sue will attend. Tables and chairs will be provided and Sue will have the FCOD brochures available.

Brochure stickers:

David and Bob will design the sticker to be added to the FCOD brochure to include the Facebook page. Cindy will have the stickers printed and they will be attached to the brochure prior to being shared around town.

Above and Beyond Award:

The FCOD finalized the recipients for this year's Above and Beyond Award. Sue will contact the trophy company to have the plaques printed. Sue made a motion to pay for the trophies in the amount of \$129. Second by Margaret. Motion passed. Margaret will contact the BOS to schedule the Award Presentation

By laws:

Sue met with Katie Lang, the executive assistant to the town manager, to review the changes to the FCOD by laws. These include increasing the number of members from 9 to 15- and a 48-hour notice for minutes. The FCOD would need to appear before the advisory board or the selectmen to explain our rationale.

P.O. Boxes:

There has been no change. Senator Feeney's assistant contacted Margaret. David emailed the Disability Law Center on August 30th because they are a federal agency as well. He has not heard back from them yet.

Purchase Request:

The Recreational Department has asked the FCOD to purchase an Accessible Picnic Table for the Common to match the other picnic tables that were purchased. A motion was made by Margaret to purchase the Accessible Picnic Table in the amount of \$2,918.95, seconded by Charlie. All approved.

The FCOD will have a plaque made which will dedicate the Accessible Picnic Table to all of the caregivers who went above and beyond in 2020. Margaret made the motion to purchase a plaque in the amount of \$17, second by Charlie. All approved.

Assisted Listening Devices:

Margaret will check back with Paul Beck to see what the status is on the assisted listening devices for the Town Hall. The Town of Foxboro will pay for the equipment once the vendor is chosen.

Minutes:

Charlie made a motion to accept the July minutes, seconded by Sheri. All approved. Motion passed.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim, seconded by David. All approved. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 20th @2 PM via Zoom Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Curran