

Foxborough Commission on Disability
Minutes of March 15, 2023

Members Present: Sue Collins, Charlie Hobbs, Bob Siteman, James Houlihan, Margaret Chaisson, Dave Foscaldo, Lori Capone, David DelPizzo, and Cindy Curran

Absent: Scott Shippey

2 ASL interpreters were also present.

Fund Requests:

-The Recreation Department requested funding for a concrete pad at the Booth playground. The cost would be approximately \$7,000. The pad would have to be done in warmer weather. Bob Siteman thinks Renee should contact the DPW to see if they can pour the pad. Sue made a motion to give up to \$7,000. To the Rec. Dept. for a concrete pad to accommodate accessible picnic tables. Bob 2nd the motion. All agreed. Motion passed.

-Bob Siteman got a request from the Burrell School looking for a ramp for the playground area. Bob will get more information and present it to the FCOD next month.

-Sue will contact Ally Rodrigues from the Veteran's Services to see if there were any projects the FCOD could assist with.

-Sue spoke with Chris Gallagher regarding benches that are being placed along Central Street. The Town is also hoping to replace some of the wooden benches around the Common. The FCOD will donate 2 benches in memory of Jim Mullin and Sheri Barrett, 2 longtime FCOD members who recently passed away. Sue will get more information regarding the benches.

Accessibility Issues:

-Scott Shippey was not at the meeting and will update the Commission in April.

-Lori Capone made a spreadsheet of the businesses along Central Street that are accessible and those that are not. She will share the spreadsheet with the FCOD. Also, the signs indicating if the business is accessible or not are not visible. The FCOD will speak with Scott Shippey or Chris Gallagher about signage.

Sign Language Class:

David DelPizzo tried to touch base with a few people who teach sign language classes. He needs more information before he can schedule anything. He will contact Marc Craig for more information and when he would like to offer the course.

Mass. Office on Disability (MOD), Jeff Dougan:

Margaret spoke with Jeff Dougan from MOD regarding purchasing gift cards for different agencies serving people with disabilities. He said that we could not donate gift cards but the FCOD can donate money to an agency to be used to benefit people with disabilities. Margaret will contact Jeff to see if the FCOD has to give a detailed list of our expenditures.

April meeting:

The FCOD April meeting has been moved to Wednesday, April 26th at their new time of 2:30 p.m.

Minutes:

Lori Capone made a motion to accept the February minutes. Margaret Chaisson 2nd the motion. All approved.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Hobbs, seconded by James Houlihan. All approved. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 @2:30 PM via Zoom Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Curran