

**Foxborough Commission on Disability
Minutes of January 16, 2024**

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Bob Siteman, Dave Foscaldo, David DelPizzo, Margaret Chaisson, Lori Capone, and Charlie Hobbs. Two (2) ASL interpreters were also present.

Absent: Cindy Curran, Scott Shippey, James Houlihan

Accessibility Issues Report:

Scott Shippey shared with Sue Collins that he is working with Patriot Place to repair the ADA rumble strips. There were no additional current accessibility issues in town.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Siteman reported to the FCOD that invoices for the Above and Beyond trophies, and an interpreter for an event at the Orpheum were paid. An invoice from the DPW was submitted for prep and supplies, and additional invoices are anticipated for installing the cement pad at the Booth Playground. The invoice was paid for the patio at the Council on Aging (COA). Additional funds received have been transferred into the FCOD account.

Decals & Signage for Accessible Parking on Central Street:

An accessible parking sign for the entrance to the Veterans Parking Lot was purchased and will be placed on the Ameriprise building once the weather permits. Window decals for 3 accessible rear entrances and three accessible rear ramp entrances were purchased and will be distributed to Central Street businesses. The committee agreed to allocate the remaining funds already approved for an additional larger ramp access decal for Subway, as the size of the purchased one may be difficult for some to see, due to the stairs at their entrance. Lori will order the additional decals and submit signage invoices for reimbursement to Bob Siteman.

Council on Aging Accessible Picnic Table:

Lori Capone confirmed that the invoice **for the patio was paid. The accessible picnic table was installed** at the COA. Lori will reach out to Lisa Barry for a copy of the invoice sent, which Bob needs to submit for payment of the picnic table.

Funding for Interpreters, braille, or closed captioning for Social Events:

Bob Siteman reported that invoices were submitted for interpreters at an Orpheum event in December. Bob will follow up with Laura Canfield to determine any additional dates needed for any group that will need an interpreter. David shared that the towns contacted by Jeff Dugan had no specific guidelines in effect, other than determining case by case. He also shared that FCOD funds can only be allocated to local town-related events for groups of people. Events by schools, or those not connected to the town such as non-profits, or private businesses, are not eligible for funding. Options for the Committee's guidelines for allocating the funds were considered. It was agreed upon that further information was needed prior to the Committee presenting a plan to the town.

Scholarships:

The committee proposed and approved funding two scholarships of \$2500 each starting this year, pending discussion with the town finance department. Qualifications include one scholarship for a student with a disability, and one scholarship for a student entering a field that helps the disabled. Lori made a motion to accept the scholarship proposal, and David seconded it. All were in favor.

Benches:

The plaques for the bench at the steamer shed bench will be in memory of Jim Mullin, the bench plaque near Foxboro Nutrition in memory of Sheri Barrett, and one purchased by the town in memory of Tony Williams. The FCOD is not comfortable purchasing a personal plaque related to a business on a bench.

Minutes:

The November 16, 2023 minutes were amended to change the term "hearing impairments" to "people with a hearing loss." Charlie Hobbs was removed under Adjournment, and Cindy Curran was added. A motion to accept the amended November 16, 2023 minutes was made by Charlie Hobbs, and seconded by David Foscaldo. All approved.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Margaret and seconded by David Foscaldo. All agreed.

Next meeting:

February 22, 2024, Thursday at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by Lori Capone
