

**Foxborough Commission on Disability
Minutes of February 22, 2024**

Members Present:

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

Accessibility Issues Report:

Scott Shippey shared that the DPW will raise the two accessible parking signs to five feet around the common due to issues with viewing the signs at the current height. There are no current accessibility issues in town.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Siteman reported the balance of \$33,963.86. There are no current additional expenses.

Decals & Signage for Accessible Parking on Central Street:

An accessible parking sign for the entrance to the Veterans Parking Lot still needs to be placed on the Ameriprise building once the weather permits. Larger rear entrance window decals were ordered and posted in Subway. The other decals that were purchased will be posted in the store windows. Lori will submit invoices for reimbursement.

Council On Aging patio and picnic table:

Lori Capone confirmed that the invoice for the COA patio was paid and that the accessible picnic table was installed on the patio. Lori will reach out to Lisa Barry for a copy of the picnic table invoice, which Bob needs to include in his submission for payment.

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

The Commission provided funding for a sign language interpreter for a community event, and will consider further funding on a case, by case basis for future events.

Scholarships:

Margaret shared that we will need to wait until next year to join the Foxboro High School's master application. This year, the Commission will submit an announcement of our scholarships to the newspaper, and share that the application will be posted on the FCOD website for students to apply online. The committee will consider presenting the scholarship during Senior Scholarship Night. Margaret, Sue, Bob, and Lori offered to be on a subcommittee to review and determine the recipients of the scholarships.

Benches:

Sue shared that she will submit application forms to the DPW for the benches. Plaques on the benches for former Committee Members will be made by Cindi's Jewelry, with a bench by the Steamer Shed in memory of Jim Mullin, a second one near Foxboro Nutrition in memory of Sheri Barrett, and third one in front of Subway in memory of Tony Williams. A motion was made by Cindy Curran to appropriate up to an additional \$2000 for the third bench for Tony Williams, and it was seconded by Margaret Chaisson. Therefore, the total funding, including the prior approval of \$4000, will be up to \$6000 for all three benches. All approved.

Annual Report:

The Annual report was discussed. Sue and Margaret will write it, and Sue will submit it to the Town Manager by February 29th.

Minutes:

The amendments recommended for the January 18, 2024 minutes included adding the current January 2024 FCOD balance, and to remove the statement that the town was purchasing the third bench. A motion to accept the January 18, 2024 minutes with those amendments was made by Margaret and seconded by Charlie Hobbs. All approved.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lori Capone and seconded by Cindy Curran. All approved.

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by Lori Capone