



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITY Wilbraham, Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 16, 2017  
Wilbraham Town Hall  
240 Springfield Street

Members in Attendance: Steve Fratoni, Marylou Fabbo, Kate Barlow, Jean Courtney, Beverly Litchfield, Earl Way, Ed White.

Members Absent: Diane DaSilva, Barbara Harrington.

Staff Present: Lance Trevallion.

Chairperson Steve Fratoni called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes:

Earl Way made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, January 5, 2017. Jean Courtney seconded the motion. All in favor.

The COD welcomed new member, Kate Barlow. Ms. Barlow gave an overview of the history of occupational therapy.

Status of Commission financial account: Lance Trevallion reported that the balance of the Commission's account remains at \$913.46.

### Reports:

- Disability Action Network ("DAN") meeting of February 2, 2017: Discussion of the DAN members' providing education regarding touch screen voting machines; Ms. Litchfield mentioned that the machines are not used frequently and are very difficult to transport.
- FY 2017, Children's Museum, status report: Lance Trevallion reported that there will be an accessible deck instead of a ramp. Architect Kevin Shea will be providing a quote for the revised plans. This redesign and tree removal will allow the Town to replace the current undersized septic tank. Should go to bid late April or early May.

### EYE 2018 CPA Grant Requests

- Fishing Dock: Submitted \$5,000 grant request to complete remaining enhancements to fishing dock.
- Thayer Brook Trail: Mr. Fratoni signed on behalf of the COD in support of this project after speaking with Ms. Graves about the issues raised last meeting.

“Accessibility” is no longer reflected in the project’s title while elements promoting safety ease of use where clarified.

Proposals for Future Commission Projects:

- Links for disability-based services, pamphlets, brochures, and other items provided for, or administered through the town, will be added to the COD website.
- Sharing information about the COD and disability-related matters. Ms. Barlow and others commented that flyers are often overlooked and that distribution to young people and posting to Facebook would be more productive.

March 1, 2017 Memorial Day of Mourning: There will be a memorial service on March 1<sup>st</sup> for victims of filicide, who are most frequently disabled.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours Before Meeting:

- Current email addresses/contact for COD members discussed. Secretary will distribute updated list.
- COD display window being viewed and will remain. Suggestions for improvements or material donations will be accepted.
- The COD will tour the new police station once it is open.

Next Public Meetings:

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 4:30 p.m. at Wilbraham Town Hall

Thursday April 20, 2017, 4:30 p.m. at Wilbraham Town Hall

Additional to be determined.

Adjournment

Mr. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Ms. Litchfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Marylou Fabbo.