

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES MINUTES

December 2, 2019

Present: Frank Ciambriello, Pat Hart, Grethe Kaeselau, Bill Savicki

Guests: Tom Sisson/DPW

Meeting called to order at 9:45AM

Minutes of November 4, 2019 approved with correction to spelling of Grethe's name.

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Treasurer's Report:

No report available.

Old Business

Grethe and Terri Bunce/Town Clerk attended the Board of Selectmen meeting on November 5th to present recommendations for the temporary relocation of Precinct #2 to Town Hall. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

Pat reported that she is preparing a final report to the Educational Fund of Dennis/Yarmouth on activities related to their grant. Pat and Grethe will work on ideas for a possible grant request in 2020.

On November 15th, Bill and Grethe attended a training for the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program which was sponsored by the Cape Cod Commission. Approximately 40 residents/professionals from Dennis were in attendance. Brainstorming sessions focused on how storms, erosion, coastal problems, etc. impact social and economic factors in the town. As ACD representatives, Bill and Grethe addressed issues concerning disabled residents and how to ensure their safety in the event of a disaster. The information that was gathered will be forwarded to state agencies which will help the area to qualify for federal mitigation funds.

New Business

Tom offered to help committee members access the ADA Transition Plan on the town website. He believes that it is password protected.

Grethe asked each member to write a column for the Cranberry Scoop's ADA section. Articles should be approximately 250 words and can be on any relevant accessibility/disability issue.

Grethe reported that Brenda/COA Director requested budget information as the committee's full amount is linked to the COA budget as a line item. Pat requested that the committee consider setting aside a small amount of our allocated funds for promotional materials.

The committee discussed the need to recruit at least two new members and how to advertise openings. Suggestions included outreach to the Rotary, Town website, and flyers. Pat agreed to write a recruitment notice to be reviewed by all.

Also, the committee agreed there is a need to further promote the activities of the ACD. Discussed establishing talking points around such topics as service dog rules and regulations, ADA compliance, and disability rights. Frank suggested outreach to other town committees. It was agreed that the committee had successfully met a number of the goals about educating the public regarding service dog awareness.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05AM.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020, 9:30AM, at the DPW facility.