

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES

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Present: Members -- Frank Ciambriello, Ronnie Gullette, Pat Hart, Grethe Kaeselau,
Carole Malone, Bill Savicki

Guests -- Tom Sisson/DPW, Brenda Vazquez/COA Director/ADA Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 11:05AM

December 2019 minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Balance is \$2,827.16. Expenditures to date are \$31.84.

Old Business

As requested by Grethe, Ronnie submitted a finished article on community resources for the Cranberry Scoop. Other members to also complete and turn in an article.

Frank handed out a "talking point" about handicap accessibility in homes. This will be included in planned upcoming presentations about the purpose/goals of the Advisory Committee. These talks will be given to Dennis town committees and to other identified interested parties. Grethe to compile a list of town committees to be reviewed at February meeting for possible outreach. Also, will decide on other topics to be included. Grethe suggested that these talks be an informal "back and forth" discussion to share ideas and knowledge.

Further discussion about possibly changing the date of the monthly ACD meeting resulted in a decision to keep it as presently scheduled (1st Monday of the month at 9:30AM) at least for next several months. Meetings will remain at the DPW due to uncertainty about COA construction schedule.

Ronnie announced that she is continuing to update and add to the community resource list.

Pat read final report to Educational Fund for Dennis/Yarmouth regarding "Living with Differences" presentations.

Brenda requested that future LWD presentations be recorded so they can be broadcast on local TV.

New Business

Brenda encourage members to attend the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities annual conference in the Fall of 2020. Will let members know when exact date is selected.

Grethe read the report that will be submitted for the town's 2019 Annual Report regarding the Committee's activities for the year.

Brenda and Tom presented information about the Transition Plan – showing an example of a page from the Plan. The report, prepared by Disability Access Consultants, documents the current status of town structures and their compliance with ADA requirements as well as changes that need to be made. The town will prioritize changes based on recommended goals.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25PM

Next meeting scheduled for February 3, 2020 at 9:30AM at DPW building.