

Disability Commission	
Meeting date: Monday, May 18, 2020	Location: Remote meeting
Start time: 6:48 pm	End time: 8:16 pm
Attendees: Jonathan Smith Bruce Frieswick Joanna Schomberg Washa Liu	Meeting purpose: Monthly meeting
Agenda/Minutes	
1. Call to order: ❖ The commission meeting was called to order at 6:48 pm.	
2. Roll call: ❖ The roll call of meeting attendees was completed; Jonathan Smith, Bruce Frieswick, Washa Liu, and Joanna Schomberg present remotely.	
3. Approve minutes: ❖ Minutes were presented remotely and approved; no questions.	
4. Treasurer's Report ❖ Balance \$1,000.00: Professional and Technical Service - \$500.00/Training and Seminars - \$500.00 ❖ No expenditure at this time - Washa will submit reimbursement from a workshop she attended by June 30th.	
5. New Business: ❖ Bruce: Amanda (Foster) sent her official resignation to Melissa. ❖ Jonathan will send a thank you letter to Amanda for her work, especially on the Highway project. ❖ The Commission will hold off on accepting her resignation until the official acceptance from Town Hall. ❖ Bruce: the last email between the committee and Karl Bryan about the grant application for the Highway project was in the last week of December. Grants for this cycle are based on grant applications from other towns that haven't received monies. Once these have been allocated, monies can go to other towns. There is \$2,000,000 available for grants. It is important that the Northbridge Highway facility is brought up to code. The grant application is fine, however, when sent again change the dates and add a letter stating how the building must be brought up to code. a. Questions from the commission - there are other projects that need to	

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be funded, should they be prioritized? Should there be a discussion with the Town Manager? Is the police station a higher priority than the Highway department? It is in constant use (parking lot, entrance).

- b. Question for the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) - what kind of projects have received grants and does the MOD lean towards certain projects?
- c. The next step would be a variance and a hearing.
- d. Bruce will call Karl Bryan.

- ❖ Bruce received a letter from a town resident inquiring about the care of her brother. Bruce sent the letter to Kelly Boles at the senior center. People 65 and older qualify, this person is 56, recently disabled, and not a veteran. Bruce spoke to Melissa and MOD as to how he can get assistance. Four agencies were offered.

- a. Can the commission put these agencies on the town website to provide information for residents under 60? Members do not have to vote on information being put on the website. Between now and the next meeting, members will look at these websites before putting them on the town website as a resource.

- ❖ At the next meeting members will go over plans and amendments for the new school. The new school committee has continued with its meetings remotely since the Town Hall has been closed. When the project gets to 80% completion, members can complete a walkthrough.

6. Member updates:

- ❖ Members will nominate and elect positions within the commission at the next meeting.

7. Schedule next meeting/Agenda:

- ❖ Monday, June 8 remotely at 6:30 pm.

8. Adjourn:

- ❖ The commission meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.