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Disability Commission**Meeting date:** Monday, July 20, 2020**Location:** Remote meeting**Start time:** 6:38 pm**End time:** 8:25 pm. NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK ZYWIEN**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 6:38 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: \$938.47
- ❖ Washa will submit reimbursement to the town treasurer for approval.

5. New Business:

- ❖ MOD meeting on 7/20/2020: Washa, Jonathan, and Bruce attended. Jonathan will share the agenda from the meeting with members. Takeaways from this meeting:
 1. Grants and applications.
 2. Emergency preparedness in the town. This is coordinated with the Fire Chief, but who is in charge? There is another training in August.
 3. Town Emergency Plan - who is the coordinator? Questions: How does the Town Plan inform the disabled or elderly with information? What if the power goes out? Reverse 911? Can the Emergency Plan be connected to the Annual Town Report?
 4. Issues related to access of resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Member updates:

- ❖ Bruce:
 1. Accessibility Minutes for The Balmer School. Bruce will get a copy of

the school building plans with the most recent updates. What have they done so far to make corrections to the plans? The first step will be for all the members to see the updates during the next in-person meeting.

2. The New Field Project. Jonathan Charwick will share information at the next meeting with regards to the overall ADA compliance. For example, the lift to the press box and the ramp behind the seats. The field is complete. We, as a commission, will need to make sure accessibility meets ADA compliance. In addition, do the surrounding areas in the facility meet ADA regulations?

3. Shared the Disability Commission's input for the 2019 Town Report.

❖ Washa:

1. Created a draft survey to gather information from Northbridge residents about resources available to them and how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected them. In particular, residents with disabilities.
2. The survey will be emailed to members.

❖ All:

1. Questions discussed following the introduction of the draft survey:
 - A. Does the survey need to be submitted for approval from the town selectman?
 - B. By following the state laws and bylaws, what can we legally ask residents, for example, HIPAA with the privacy and security rules?
 - C. Since restaurants in the town have opened, have any of them blocked access on sidewalks with outside dining?
 - D. With schools potentially opening in the fall, how does this impact residents with disabilities?

❖ All:

1. Washa will email the draft survey to all members.
2. Bruce will get a copy of the Emergency Plan by the next meeting.
3. Dates will be obtained for the training session in August.

7. Schedule next meeting/Agenda:

- ❖ Monday, August 17, remotely at 6:30 pm.

8. Adjourn:

- ❖ The commission meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.