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Disability Commission

Meeting date: Monday, August 17, 2020	Location: Remote meeting
Start time: 6:42 pm	End time: 7:52 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 6:42 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

- ❖ No monies have been submitted.
- ❖ Waiting for the FY2021 balance; \$938.47 will go back to the town. The only money that can rollover is from parking fees and fines.

5. New Business:

- ❖ Lasell Field project: Jonathan and Bruce met with Jeff to review the field in relation to ADA compliance. According to Jim Sheehan, the building inspector, the scope of the project was ok. Issues to be addressed outside the field include the bleachers, the press box, access to the other side of the field, the surrounding area, bathrooms, and snack shack. If the value of the project is 30% greater than the value of the property, a full ADA inspection will be required. Costs are being totaled and a report is being written. This will be shared with the committee. This should be received by 8/21/2020. If not Bruce will call.
- ❖ Resident survey: Washa spoke to Adam and Shannon. As a committee, we are not required to get approval from the Board of Selectmen but it was suggested some communication be sent out by mail.
- ❖ Grant application: Bruce met with Jim Shuras. The DPW grant will be submitted again by October 2, 2020.
- ❖ Balmer School project: Bruce spoke with one of the Team members and they are still talking. He will ask for the drawings. Have the items from last summer

been addressed? Once they have, the committee can meet with Jeff. Once the project is within 75% of completion, compliance can be discussed. Need to make contact with the contractor/architect.

6. Member updates:

❖ All:

1. Survey:

- A. residents need to be assured that their names and email addresses will not be used.
- B. Condense age to one line?
- C. Purpose of the race question?
- D. Is the committee relating the questions to demographics/disabilities or demographics/families and COVID-19?
- E. Are the participants per household or individual?
- F. The committee will review the questionnaire before the next meeting to see which questions are essential, i.e., which questions are relevant to our purpose and what the commission is about.
- G. A further question discussed, are residents with disabilities being discriminated against because of their disability? The first 2 pages provide a narrative of how COVID-19 has impacted families. Should the survey be specific to the COVID-19 and families in general or particularly residents with disabilities. Send 2 surveys?
- H. Process with the survey: Bruce can show it to other commissions, it will be presented to the Selectman and Town Manager, then the town attorney will review it, and finally it will go to residents.

7. Schedule next meeting/Agenda:

- ❖ Monday, September 14, remotely at 6:30 pm.

8. Adjourn:

- ❖ The commission meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.