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Disability Commission	
<b>Meeting date:</b> Monday October 7, 2019	<b>Location:</b> Northbridge Town Hall (1st floor)
<b>Start time:</b> 6:30 pm	<b>End time:</b> 7:56 pm
<b>Attendees:</b> Jonathan Smith Bruce Frieswick Joanna Schomberg	<b>Meeting purpose:</b> Monthly meeting
<b>Agenda/Minutes</b>	
<b>1. Call to order:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.</li></ul>	
<b>2. Roll call:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Roll call of meeting attendees was completed; Jonathan Smith, Bruce Frieswick, and Joanna Schomberg present.</li></ul>	
<b>3. Approve minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ N/A</li></ul>	
<b>4. New Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Bruce Frieswick nominated and seconded to be treasurer of the commission. The annual budget is \$1,000.00. \$500.00 for professional and technology services and \$500.00 for training and seminars.</li><li>❖ The budget was approved by the commission.</li></ul>	
<b>5. Member updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Grant proposal - the grant was updated and submitted with the new price, \$42,000, re: the Highway Dept's bathroom and entrance accessibility. It has been received and will be reviewed during the 3rd week of January. Notification will be received by the end of January.</li><li>❖ Bruce Frieswick went to the Advanced training in September at the Massachusetts Office on Disability. The regional M.O.D. annual meeting is coming up.</li><li>❖ As a result of the Planning Board Meeting, attended by Bruce Frieswick, the Commission needs to review the updates of the new school requirements for disabilities from Jeff Duggan. Members agreed to do this possibly at the next meeting.</li><li>❖ Sutton Street: an inquiry came from a member of the town with regards to the mailboxes are on the sidewalks and not following ADA guidelines. Bruce Frieswick called Washington D.C. office of disability in September with these concerns. No response as of 10/7/19. Bruce will make a follow-up call. There</li></ul>	

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is a Federal office in Worcester; they could inform the Commission the place office to call on this issue. Members discussed the possibility of the member of public writing an official letter to the commission to enable to complaint to go to the next level (ADA coordinator in town). This will start a formal paper trail within the Town of Northbridge. Members also discussed the possibility of a formal letter to local representatives.

**6. Schedule next meeting/Agenda:**

- ❖ Monday November 4th at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ Jonathan will follow up with Amanda.
- ❖ Review updates of new school requirements for disabilities.

**7. Adjourn:**

- ❖ Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.