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CHANGE 1

DEPT./BOARD: Disability Access Commission

DATE: September 16, 2019

TIME: 09:30 A.M.

PLACE: Human Services Building, 2nd Floor, Room 215, 61 Center Street

Agenda

- Attendance
- Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Minutes from April 2019 meeting
- Doug Place, from National Ataxia Foundation DACs Support with upcoming Walk N’ Roll
- Energy efficient vehicle parking
- Historical Museum update
- Recent HP fund request inquiries
- Handicap parking fine fund update
- Adjourn
ATTENDANCE: Maura Mazzocca, Co-Chairman; Kenny Tigges, Co-Chairman; Bunny Ferguson; Bob Hogan, Selectman

NOT PRESENT: Tom Carlson; Alfredo Arno

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Hanafin, Coordinator; Jennifer Goldsmith, Recorder; Jack & Linda Cuhna, perspective DAC members; Doug & Donna from local support group for the national ataxia foundation.

REMOTE ACCESS: N/A

Meeting called to order at 09:30 am

Minutes: April 2019 Minutes

April minutes are up for approval.

Motion: Ms. Ferguson moved to approve the April 2019 minutes as is. Seconded by Mr. Hogan and commission approves unanimously.

Walk & Roll on the common in support of National Ataxia Foundation

Doug & Donna briefed the commission on an upcoming walk and roll on the common for the National Ataxia Foundation. They are part of a support group that meets at the Library on occasion and in Manchester NH. They hope that this walk brings attention to ataxia and any funds raised will go towards the national foundation. Planning for this year’s walk is a little behind the curve but they hope to continue in the future. Wegmans, Pizza Works & the Breakfast Rotary have been great with their support for this cause. Commission thanked them for all that they do and wishes them well with their first event.

Two new members:

Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Linda Cunha attended today’s meeting because they would like to get involved with the commission as full time members. Members of the commission will vote at the October meeting to officially designate them to the commission.

Energy Efficient Parking at Town Hall:

Commission reviewed and discussed a request from DPW to assist in in funding the installation two handicap parking spots that would service electric vehicles. The spots would be moved from where they currently are (side/back of

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building) and moved to the island across from the back sidewalk. Commission discussed their concerns that there are no electric handicap accessible vehicles at this time and the likely hood that these spots would be utilized is minimal. They also discussed handicap placard and plate holders that may have a standard electric vehicle. The commission does not feel that this is something that DAC should put money towards at this time.

**Motion:** Mr. Tigges moved to deny participating in funding of two energy efficient handicap parking spots. Seconded by Ms. Mazzocca and commission approves unanimously.

**Historical Museum update:**

Ramp option at the Historical museum is not an option. DPW is looking into a grant to possibly put a lift at the back of the building but not sure if that would be feasible or when the grant would be approved. Problem with installing a lift is it will have very minimal use and the upkeep would be far too much for something that is not used.

**Motion:** Mr. Tigges moved to remove the $5,000 that was approved and set aside in December 2018 to assist with the building a ramp along with denying to pay for any part of a lift system for that building as it is just not a feasible option. If plans change in the future the historical commission is welcome to come back to DAC in the future for any other requests. Seconded by Ms. Ferguson and commission approves unanimously.

**ADA updates:**

Mr. Hanafin briefed the commission on a letter from Ms. Elizabeth Mello in regards to the sidewalks on Bedford Street. The sidewalks have been impassable for weeks while the town’s contractor was fixing issues that had come up. Since the letter the sidewalks are in the process of being re-poured. Issues are still at hand in regards to the double poles and how it’s up to the companies that own the poles to remove them. Commission would like to look into who they can put pressure on to get the ball rolling and see some progress in removing these poles so that these sidewalks are passable. The commission understands it is not an enforcing agency but would like to reach out to whomever they can to address this issue.

**10:35 Mr. Hogan departs**

**Funding requests:**

Mr. Hanafin received an email from the Special education Parent Advisory Council in August. They requested some funding for the upcoming school year. Mr. Hanafin sent them the official funding request back in august for them to fill out. Once the information is provided it will be brought back to the commission for further discussion.

**October meeting:**

Commission discussed and decided to change Octobers meeting to the last Monday of the month due to Columbus day falling on their normally scheduled meeting time.

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Mr. Tigges motioned to adjourn at 11:02 am. Ms. Mazzocca Seconded and All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.
Submitted by,

Jennifer Goldsmith
Recording Clerk