

**Harvard Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Minutes 4/20/2022**

Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 844 2481 9525

Passcode: 379342

Called to Order at 4:06pm by Davida Bagatelle

Present: Davida Bagatelle, Toni Spacciapoli, Sue Tokay

Approval of March 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order Approve Minutes from March meeting

Old Business

- Discussion regarding development of Disability Awareness Forum for town residents.
 - The Commission raised the possibility that the Forum will occur a time after the Town Meeting. Having difficulty finding a date when all participants are available. Davida Bagatelle presented a proposal to offer 4 dates with morning, afternoon, and evening possibilities. Suggested two dates in May and June. Possible forum dates will be compiled.
 - Formulated topics to be covered. These may include: Share training, mission, and policies around Emergency Response to members of the disability community; Issues which may still need to be addressed to maximize positive responses/de-escalation and disability awareness; Resource information and contact information for public to access and communicate; Feedback, ideas and Q&A for the Commission.
- CoD interview with Harvard Press has not been determined.
- Discussion for improving the Commission on Disabilities website.
 - Identified critical elements/resource links which should be on the Commission's landing page.
 - Identified best layout. A table with links will be developed. A request will be made to Town Administration to implement the proposal.
- Latest communication with the Park and Recreation Commission.
 - Update - Park and Recreation requested product resources for accessible picnic tables and trails. Supplied Marissa Steele with a brochure on accessibility from US Forestry.
 - Sue Tokay related a news story regarding playground surfaces. A link to the story will be sent to Park and Rec and Marissa Steele.
 - Davida Bagatelle contacted the Great Lakes ADA organization regarding student application forms for park and rec programs. The organization permitted the Commission to share its forms with Community Education and Park and Recreation.

New Business

- Discussion regarding recent webinars attended.
 - Davida Bagatelle shared information she receives from the Massachusetts Advocacy organization for adults with disabilities.
 - There is an upcoming 2-day training workshop from Massachusetts Office on Disabilities on being a Community Access Monitor.

- SEPAC is looking for volunteer coaches for the adaptive soccer program. If interested contact SEPAC or SEPAC through Nextdoor Harvard.

Next Meeting Date: May 18, 2022 at 4:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Spacciapoli, Commission Secretary