

Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019

Board Members Present: Thomas Weinreich, Andrew Freeman, Dan Robinson, Michelle O'Connor, Darren Macdonald, Angela Sestito

Board Members Absent: Anthony Nunes

Others Present: Brandon Gulnick (ADA Coordinator)

Chairman Thomas Weinreich opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Consider a Vote for the 5 and 10 Year Plan

The Board decided to table the discussion and vote on the 5 and 10 year plans until the next meeting which is scheduled for June 4, 2019

Review Plans for Town Landing

The Board reviews the plans that Grady Consulting created for ADA improvements to the Town Landing. There is discussion about inquiring about poured in place rubber for the picnic area for accessibility, adding more handicapped spots, doubling up on floats so they are wider for people in wheelchairs, as well as looking into the possibility of adding a Hoyer lift. Discussion will continue at the June 4th meeting after Mr. Gulnick proposes these discussed changes to Grady Consulting and new plans are drawn up.

Update on Veteran's Memorial Park

Mr. Gulnick informed the Board that there is a public meeting to be held on May 23rd at Town Hall for further discussion about the improvements to the Memorial Park. The buy-a-brick program will launch May 13 in order to fund the ADA compliant walkways which are part of Phase I of the project. Mr. Gulnick also let the Board know that the Veteran's Department has graciously offered to fund the advertising of the brick program through their gift fund.

Review of the Newsletter

The Board discussed the upcoming newsletter and the best way to put it out to the public. It was suggested to reach out to the Council on Aging to see how that newsletter is distributed.

Internship Program

Mr. Macdonald may be able to help get Mr. Gulnick in touch with an internship coordinator at Bridgewater State University. The Board needs to refine what exactly the intern would be doing so that the description can be presented to the internship department to find the right candidate. Over the next few months, the internship description will be narrowed down and refined in hopes of possibly having a fall 2019 intern and/or spring 2020 intern.

Mr. Weinreich adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the Commission on Disabilities is for June 4th at 6:30 p.m.