

Sharon Commission on Disabilities (CoD)
Monthly meeting: September 21, 2023
Location: Sharon Adult Center library

Call to Order: 7:08

Attendance: Members: Geila Aronson, Todd Arnold, Rusty Callaway, Lois Diamond, Susan Freidman, Susan Myerson, James Newton, Select Board Liaison to CoD Hannah Switekowski,.

Absent: Paul Remy

Guests: Binny Ellenbogen, Joanna Levinson

I. Commission's update for temporary leadership role and expectations

James and Susan F. to be co-chairs in Paul's absence. James to remain as Secretary and Geila to be Treasurer.

II. Sharon High School student's public service announcement project to address concerns and needs that people with disabilities have.

Presentaion by Binny Ellenbogen: 20-year old in Post program at SHS. Want to do interviews and PSAs of people with differing abilities and show them on SharonTV. He wants to include people from across the disability spectrum: DS, ASD, physically disabled, i.e. to show the bigger diversity of Sharon.

Needs help finding people to interview outside the high shool, and to liaise with Sharon TV. James to reach out Sharon TV

III. August Minutes - Approved

III. Treasurer's Report

General Fund : \$500
Revolving (ticket): \$15,898.17
Donation: \$1327.97

Question about money CoD approved or SEPAC seminar – Susan to Follow-up

IV. Assistive technology fair update

Sunday October 22nd, 11-2 @ SHS

Various groups have committed to participate. Food trucks, games, t-shirts.

Andrea needs volunteers.

Going to work with Veronica Weisman and SharonTV day of.

V. Discussion and possible Appointment to the Sharon Standing Building Committee (SSBC)

Commission appointed Charles “Rusty” Callaway to be the disability liaison to the SSBC.

VI. Accessibility at Beth Israel Lahey Primary care in Sharon

James emailed the clinic about accessibility – the back door is not automatic opening. Difficult to maneuver. James will continue to move that along.

VII. Accessible seating in high school auditorium

Tony Kopacz emailed Paul and James. James will call.

VIII. Article for *The View*

Check to see if Paul wrote piece about assistive technology (Susan F.)

IX. Crescent Ridge

Thank you sent by Susan M. CoD to give \$150 on behalf of Crescent Ridge to the Sharon Education Foundation in recognition of their efforts to support the disability community by making their business more accessible.

X. Other business: Town center has a number of accessibility issues –sidewalks and handicapped parking behind Angel’s. Commission to keep an eye out.

Next meeting: November 16th, 7pm at Adult Center Library.

Adjournment -