

Sharon Commission on Disabilities

Date: December 18, 2019

Meeting called to order: 7 PM

Attendees: Paul Remy, Susan Myerson, Asma Abdullah, Geila Aronson, Marcie Ostrow (via phone)

Absent: Lois Diamond, Richard Seronick.

- The minutes from Nov 20th done by Marcie were presented for approval and were approved with corrections.
- Treasurer's report:
General Fund: \$500, Used: \$48.07, Balance: \$451.93
Revolving Fund: \$12,287.57, Revenues: \$1800, Expenditures: \$1589.40, Balance: \$12,498.17
Donation Account: \$1527.97, Revenues: \$0, Expenditure: \$300, Balance: \$1227.97
- Town Hall tour and dedication: Paul and Richard attended the tour and were impressed by the work done by the Town Hall, from wheelchair and scooter accessibility to visual and hearing special needs, substantial work was reported. Dedication is scheduled for Dec 19, Paul, Susan M and Geila plan on attending.
- Health Fair: Susan Price from the Master Plan's Public Health Sub Committee gave input on other orgs. who may be interested in coordination for the event, such as Boy Scouts, Sustainable Sharon Coalition, MassMatch, Lions Club, Sharon Council on Aging and Rotary Club. Month of October was suggested for the fair and planning to start by Feb/ March. Suggested location: Sharon Community Center, Main Hall.
- Hessco's Mental Health Summit: Considerable interest was shown by the Commission. Asma can email the names of Commission Members interested in attending the Summit to the Hessco representative for invitations.
- Commission's column in local publications: Marcie was able to contact Nancy Weiner from 'The View' who welcomed the idea and offered for the Commission to have a column as often as we like, due by 10th of the month. Suggestions were made to do the column once a month or once every two months and a donations suggestion to be added in the column. A Facebook page would also be initiated by Paul.
- Wheel Chair Scale: Maybe a possibility at the Sharon Housing Authority at Hixson Farm Road. Geila mentioned also to be cognizant of the issue of liability and members suggested to further discuss with the town's nurse Sheila who may also be able to give suggestions/ advise on where to purchase from and brand.
- Wheelchair for High School: Geila called the high school nurse and had a detailed conversation, who informed that the issue of wheelchair not being present for a student was not correct information and that the school has three wheel-chairs, available and accessible for emergencies, but are not to be handled by other students trying to help the person on the wheelchair due to liability issues.
- Sharon Library's One Book One Town's Carol informed Geila of the current book: "A view of the world", a fictional account of Christina, addressing the disability issues.

OBOT would like to have a presentation in April by David Harrell, born without his right hand and is an actor, speaker, advocate. The cost is \$1000, out of which Commission can donate \$500. Commission took a vote which was unanimously approved.

- Conflict of interest training: To be reviewed online every two years, link was shared. Certificates to be mailed to Town Clerk, Marline Chused.
- Annual Report: Due by Jan 17th, Paul would write and email a draft to the commission members for comments/ suggestions. Susan would proofread.
- Susan Freidman brought in the minutes from June and Aug which would be discussed and approved (with any corrections) in the next meeting.
- Next Meeting: Jan 22nd 2020
- Adjournment: Motion made for adjournment by Susan at 8PM and seconded by Geila, meeting was adjourned at 8PM.