

Sharon Commission on Disabilities

Location of meeting : Zoom

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

In Attendance: Paul Remy, Susan Myerson Marci Ostrow, Geila Aronson, and Richard Seronick

Absent: Asma Hydari and Lois Diamond

Approval of minutes for May 27th 2020

Treasurer's report

General fund.	\$	451.93
Ticket fund.	\$	15,998.17
Donations.	\$	1,227.97

Fire Chief Wright and Rob Maidman, chairperson of the COA Advisory Council, were in attendance to discuss future crises if the Town of Sharon would have enough accessibility in emergency shelters if we got a category 4 or 5 hurricane during the Covid-19 pandemic. Chief Wright informed the Commission that the high school, elemental schools, and Community Center could handle the situation. But, he also stated that the Hixson Farm's Community Center, which is a wooden structure, could not be used as an emergency shelter because it would probably be damaged or destroyed during a severe storm.

Chief Wright said the Fire Department could handle and Emergency situations and start bringing in small groups of people into the shelters. If needed, generators would be brought in, and the Civil Defense would help, (supplying shelters with beds, blankets, and ect,) during a 4 or 5 category Hurricane. also, EMTs and ambulances would transport residents living in assisted living facilities to the shelters. Assistance would be provided to residents who are on dialysis or oxygen due to the loss of power.

Rob informed the Commission that the Governor probably would issue a "State of Emergency," authorizing the National Guard to assist. And if needed, Mema/FEMA would build new housing.

Marci contacted Kathie Medeiros, COA Director, and asked about the Emergency Disaster Disability Registry form and masks for the hearing impaired.

Geila spoke with the Financial Officer to determine if the donations for the Fire Department and the Unitarian Church's food pantry as well as the High School Scholarship were sent out.

Susan Myerson received a thank you note from the High School Scholarship recipient thanking the Commission for the \$1,000 Scholarship.

Asma contacted the people making the masks and said they were willing to make them for the hearing impaired.

Marci will write an article for *the View*. Paul suggested adding a paragraph about the commission donating funds to the Fire Department. Marci stated that she would have room for an article about the emergency disaster registry form.

A motion was made at 4:50 to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be held on July 23, 2020, at 4:00 pm