

Sharon Commission on Disabilities

February 24, 2021

Location: Zoom

Called to order: 7:05

Attendance: Paul Remy, Susan Myerson, Lois Diamond, Gela Aronson, Susan Friedman, and James Newton

Absent: Asma Abdullah

Community: Todd Arnold, Ruth Beckerman-Rodeau, Andrea Pannone, and Carol Aiken

Resignation: Richard

Todd Arnold is looking to join the Commission – told the Commission his story focus is on anyone who needs assistance and has been active on other Boards in the town

Carol Aiken – moved to Sharon ten years, son who is a senior at Sharon High – medical social worker, health care advocacy is an interest

Ruth Beckerman-Rodeau and Todd Arnold have been interviewed by the Select Board

Treasurer's Report – Geila Aronson

Gen: \$500

Ticket: \$16,198.17 (returned money from the funds that were used from the CARES Act

Donation: \$1,227.97

Sharon Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SSEPAC): Andrea Pannone (President)

Thanked the Commission for the past grant – With COVID-19 schools are not allowed to share a lot of resources – asking for \$250 -300 per school. Asking for basic accommodations that would aid students. Listed in order of need – will be sent to Paul for review.

The vote on this proposal resurfaced at the end of the meeting and the Commission supported a \$200 expenditure for each school on needs to aid the special education community.

The Town of Sharon has 16 brick crosswalks. Brick crosswalks are not ADA compliant and are dangerous to people with disabilities. Presently, the Town only enough funding for replacing four brick crosswalks with asphalt. Town Engineer Peter O'Cain asked the Commission to select the four crosswalks that need refurbishing first. Ruth Beckerman-

Rodeau took pictures of the 16 crosswalks, and the Commission selected the first four crosswalks, which are badly damaged and dangerous.

The Town is applying for additional funding to refurbish the other 12 crosswalks

In 2021, The Town is also requesting funds to replace the brick sidewalks with asphalt

3 issues with the crosswalks in general:

- Timing of lights
- Brick and uneven surfaces at crosswalks
- Ability to engage the signal without pushing a button

Asma Abdullah's email discussing the mental health care packages for Hixson Farm

Commission decided to hold off in order to prioritize with other requests that is coming

Showing *Crip Camp* – Sharon Racial Equity Alliance have expressed interest in showing it with the Commission – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committee – James will spearhead this effort

Housing Authority – Geila will reconnect Nancy to explain the hardware needed and are we the only source of funding

Showing *Crip Camp* – Sharon Racial Equity Alliance – Need to figure a platform for which to create a program around this. Possible donations.

February article for The View is on Vaccination – Paul is getting his shot on Thursday and will post his pictures.

Dawn Phelps is coordinating the scholarship information for the High School recipients. Deadline is April.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2021 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53pm Motion by James Newton