

Sharon Commission on Disabilities

April 27, 2022, Location: Zoom

Meeting call to order: 7:02 pm

In attendance: Paul Remy, Geila Aronson, Todd Arnold, James Newton, Ruth Beckerman, Amsa Hydari, Susan Friedman, Lois Diamond. Absent: Susan Myerson

Also in attendance: Kelsey Smith, Nancy Bartley, Susan Saunders, Phillip Stockton and Aiden Stockton

I. **Sharon Housing Authority** – Susan Saunders of the SHA Board speaking on their behalf. Kathy Savage not available; Nancy Bartley unable to speak but participated via chat.

Request for automatic doors will be before the town soon.

SHA Board sets rules and regulations for residents.

Funding from the state; have also applied for town funds via Community Preservation Act that will be voted on at Town Meeting in May 2. Grant eligible.

Housing Authority is part of DHCD with funding from them. A handful of employees. The Board is Peter Melvin, Ilene Generoso, Kathy, Zenadi Ramen, and Xander Shapiro.

88 units in the SHA. 3 locations. A group home on Bay Road, Pleasant Road, Hixson Farm.

Housing for both seniors and the disabled.

Some priority housing for homeless as needed.

Voucher program for those not in the housing, but need assistance.

May Institute part of their purview.

SHA Strategic (and annual) plan – looking at physical improvements but TBD in the next plan in due in mid-June.

Emergency Road parking issue: Rule has always been that the road can't be used as it is an emergency road. At times people have overused the road in an unsafe way. Previously, there was ad hoc use to allow for convenience like the dropping off of groceries, but that has been disallowed of late. This is hard on residents. This problem will be addressed.

Commission and SHA to collaborate as needed in the future.

II. **Eagle Scout candidate's accessibility project.** Aiden Stockton starting his Eagle Scout project making an accessible path for fishing and skating at the pond near

the dog park, sometimes called “the skating pond.” Linda Berger – Sharon Rec – helping with funding and as a resource. Still in the brainstorming stage. James to liaise with Aiden as needed.

III. Treasurer’s Report – Geila Aronson

General fund: \$500

Revolving (aka ticket): \$14,898.17

Donation fund: \$1,227.97

One Book, One Town Committee of Sharon made a \$100 donation to the Commission in honor of the author of this year’s book author.

IV. Leslie Kriger High School Scholarship. We do not know if the Financial Officer sent Elizabeth Zinno her \$1,000 Scholarship check as yet.

Wendy Wooten is to be awarded the Scholarship by unanimous vote.

V. Crescent Ridge Accessibility. Commission sent letter to Crescent Ridge asking them to improve accessibility and improve staff sensitivity towards those needing greater accommodations. We have not yet received a response.

VI. New high school accessibility – Commission can do a walkthrough. Paul will work to schedule.

VII. Brick sidewalks. Per Town Engineer Peter O’Cain:

“I just wanted to let the Sharon Commission on Disabilities know that I am still pursuing funding for the brick sidewalk replacement in Post Office Square. I have sent a “Community Project Funding” request to Congressman Jake Auchincloss. I’ll keep you updated as things move forward.”

VIII. Paul to write about audiobooks for the View.

IX. Next meeting May 25th, 7 pm on zoom.

Meeting adjourned 8:20.