

Carver Commission on Disability
November 18, 2019 5:00 PM
Carver Meeting Room, Carver Public Library
Meeting Minutes

Written and posted in Accordance with the provisions of MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 22

Members Present – Donna Forand, Madeline Joyce, Bill Harriman, Mark Townsend, John Woods

Members absent –David Siedentopf, MariAnne Presscott

1. Donna Forand Called meeting to Order at 5:00 pm

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Minutes of October 21, 2019 meeting minutes were approved 4-0

3. Dementia/ADA Friendly Community – Donna reported there is no update at this time, this project will probably not move forward until the spring and will be spearheaded by the Carver Council on Aging.

4. By-Law Changes – Continued reviewing our Bylaw. Motion by Mark Townsend, seconded by Bill Harriman, Motion approved unanimously 4-0 to approve bylaw changes listed below. Wording in yellow is new wording.

4.5.3 MEMBERSHIP

4.5.3.1 - Add new sentence after last sentence “A majority of the membership should be citizens with a disability, or a caregiver or relative of a person with a disability.”

4.5.3.3 – Edit to read “There shall may be up to seven (7) non-voting Associate Alternate Members, who shall be appointed by the Town Administrator. In the event that an absence of a regular member creates a lack of a quorum at a meeting, an Alternate Associate Member or Associate Members shall be eligible to participate and vote to the extent required to make up a quorum.”

4.5.4 OFFICERS

4.5.4.2 – Edit to read “Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Committee at the first meeting after the Annual Town Election.”

4.5.4.3.1 The Chairperson shall:

d. Edit to read “Authorize expenditures as needed at the direction of the Committee.

4.5.5 MEETINGS

4.5.5.1 Voted to keep 6 meetings per year as opposed to 10

4.5.5.2 Edit to read "A quorum shall consist of **four (4)** ~~three (3)~~ members.

4.5.5.3 Edit to reads "Meeting minutes will be amended and approved at **a future** meeting. Not ~~the next meeting~~.

5. Update on GATRA Bus Hospital Awareness

Donna talked to COA and COA recommends this service when people request it. Call COA to schedule a ride to bus stop in Plymouth where Hospital Bus picks up. Seniors are encouraged to use this opportunity. It is on Commission on Disability web page also.

6. Open Door Initiative for Businesses – Good discussion and agreement that it would be a positive start for assuring that all Carver residents can utilize establishments in Town. Harriman will check with Select Board's Office and Assessor's Office to develop a list of names and addresses of businesses, and will draft a letter to send out to businesses that will be reviewed by the Committee at the next meeting.

7. Open Forum for public comment – No public in attendance, Donna passed out a handout on Town of Carver Complete Street policy. John Woods explained that this is a policy statement going forward, not an assurance that every street in Carver will ever be a complete street. Also, might be helpful with future state funding.

8. Next Meeting –Monday, January 13, 2020 at 4:30 PM, to be held at the Carver Public Library, room to be determined prior to those meetings. **Note change from 5:00 to 4:30 pm**

9. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by Madeline Joyce, seconded by Mark Townsend. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously 4 – 0 at 5:45 pm.

Minutes completed by William J. Harriman