

Carver Commission on Disability
October 21, 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, MariAnne Presscott, Mark Townsend, John Woods

Members absent –David Siedentopf

Donna Forand Called Call meeting to Order at 5:00 pm

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Minutes of August 26, 2019 meeting minutes were approved 6-0 with one amendment, adding resignation of Travis Ouellette

Dementia/ADA Friendly Community – Good discussion on our commission getting involved with this AARP sponsored program in conjunction with the Carver Council on Aging. There was some concern that getting involved with AARP could be costly to our citizens or the Town; we will certainly look into this. Many good points including establishing information based web site program to document Senior and ADA friendly programs, events and facilities in Carver. Donna will forward the information so we can all review before next meeting. Other points mentioned was the GATRA Boston Hospital Bus that makes trips to South Shore Hospital on Wednesdays and to Boston area Hospitals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fare is \$15.00 round trip. Information will be posted on our web page

By-Law Changes – Potential By-Law changes were discussed and will be considered at the November 18 meeting in anticipation of bylaw change at Annual Town Meeting. There was discussion on wording *Commission vs. Committee*, wording of *Disability (is it comprehensive enough)*, & *Alternate vs. Associate*. We looked at being considered being a Commission as determined by Mass Commission on Disability. This would require a majority of our membership either being disabled, being a caregiver of a disabled person or living with a disabled person, it would also require a bylaw change to 10 meetings per year instead of the current 6 meetings. We also felt the word Alternate vs. Associate was more appropriate. Wording changes

4.5.3.6 – There ~~shall~~ can be (up to) seven (7) ~~Associate~~ Alternate members.....

4.5.3.1 – New sentence at end of current wording – A majority of the membership should be citizens with a disability, or a caregiver or relative of a person with a disability.

It was felt that this membership makeup would help us better see through the eyes of a disabled person. Currently, three members have confirmed disabilities

Next Meetings –Monday, November 18 at 5:00 PM, to be held at the Carver Public Library, room to be determined prior to those meetings.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by Mark Townsend, seconded by Madeline Joyce. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously 6 – 0 at 5:50 pm.

Minutes completed by William J. Harriman

APPROVED