

Marblehead Disabilities Commission Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2018

Members Present: Laurie Blaisdell, Katie Farrell, Caroline Curtis, Sue Harris

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

New Member: Laurie welcomed Sue Harris as a new member of the Commission.

Letters to the Commission: Laurie reviewed with the group a letter sent to several town officials and groups, including the Disabilities Commission (DC), about the use of single-family residences in town for rentals on AirBnB. The group consensus was that the issues raised by the letter were not a matter for the DC to address at this time.

Possible Resource for Information on Scholarships: The Commission received an email from Ryan Kelly about his non-profit organization, Affordable College Community, that apparently compiles information about scholarships available to individuals with disabilities. He requested that information about the organization and website links be included on the Commission's website. Members agreed to investigate further, including a review of the website, and discuss the issue again at the next meeting.

New Law on HP Placards: Laurie alerted members that Governor Baker recently signed into law a new statute that increases penalties for misuse of handicapped license plates or parking placards.

Website: The group agreed that Sue will review the DC's website and make suggestions to the group for possible updates and improvements.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 8, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Harris, Member