

Marblehead Disabilities Commission
Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2018

Members Present: Laurie Blaisdell, Caroline Curtis, Andrea Mountain, Cheryl LaLonde, Sue Harris

Meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Last Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the April 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business: Caroline noted that there is a new contact person responsible for administering handicapped parking space assignments at senior housing locations and that she will be in touch with that person about this issue.

Letters to the Commission: Laurie informed members about the following letters received by the Commission:

- (1) The Board of Selectman notified Laurie that all members are required to acknowledge receipt of the Marblehead Sexual Harassment Policy. Members present signed the acknowledgement form.
- (2) The Commissions received a letter from the MA Office on Disability requesting that we provide a contact email contact for coordination purposes. Laurie noted that the Office has her email.
- (3) The MA Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation requested notification of any events in which they could participate. Laurie will contact the Office to investigate further.

Website: Sue acknowledged Andrea's tremendous effort in making all of the website revisions proposed at the last meeting. The Commission agreed that Sue and Andrea would communicate directly about any remaining questions about those revisions. The group discussed the Site map page and agreed on headings. Andrea will make those revisions. Members also agreed that each of us will provide Andrea with additions to the Accessible Things to Do in Marblehead and Link to Organizations pages as we find and review them.

New Business:

- (1) Making Marblehead more accessible – members agreed that Laurie will invite to the September meeting Lori Ehrlich, a Board of Selectman representative, Town Planner Becky Curran and others to the Commission's September meeting to discuss this topic and relay concerns.
- (2) Devereaux Beach handicapped parking - current spaces are not optimal and markings have been obscured by winter storm damage. Laurie will talk to Peter James, Park & Rec, about this issue. Members suggested using Eagle Scouts to do any required repainting.
- (3) Agreed to invite new Town Administrator to a meeting in the fall to discuss issues and concerns.
- (4) Enforcing handicapped parking – members agreed to explore ways to insure better enforcement of handicapped parking restrictions.
- (5) Town video – Andrea described a CNN documentary, a United Shades of America production, that focuses on the disabled community, and Laurie proposed making a similar video for Marblehead. Members agreed to pursue this idea, perhaps working with Marblehead TV, and to bring specific ideas to the next meeting.
- (6) Accessible map for website – Members agreed to consider ideas for creating a map of places to see in Marblehead that are accessible, possibly keying varying levels of accessibility. Each member will bring ideas to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 12, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Harris, Member