

**Marblehead Disabilities Commission
Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2018**

Members Present: Laurie Blaisdell, Katie Farrell, Andrea Mountain, Cheryl LaLonde, Sue Harris

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

Last Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- 1) For the September meeting, Laurie Ehrlich or her representative has agreed to attend. As discussed at the last meeting, the Commission also will invite a Board of Selectman representative, and Town Planner Becky Curran. The Commission agreed to add Kyle Wylie and the new Town Administrator, Jason Silva, to the list of invitees. Topics to be discussed include accessibility of Marblehead streets and sidewalks, grandfathering of businesses transferring ownership, the Complete Streets program, and accessibility issues for projects implemented on Town land.
- 2) Accessibility map for Commission website – members will continue to think about ideas for this map. Laurie will add a post to the Commission Facebook page asking for ideas.
- 3) Video – members discussed ideas for a video about the disabled community in Marblehead.

New Business:

- (1) Cheryl mentioned that there are issues with accessibility to the pavilion and ocean at Devereaux Beach. Apparently, after storm-related repairs, there is no longer ramp access to the pavilion and one of the mats to the ocean is missing so that there is sand only between the sidewalk and the first mat. Laurie will bring this to the attention of the Park & Rec.
- (2) There was discussion of a relatively new local business that apparently does not meet ADA requirements. Laurie will discuss the issue with Kyle Wylie.
- (3) The Commission discussed how best to be involved in planning for the new Marblehead elementary school. Laurie will get in touch with the new school building committee to discuss.
- (4) The newest appointee to the Board of Northeast Arc (NEARC) is a Marblehead resident. Andrea will explore the services provided by NEARC with a view to looking for ways the Commission can cooperate with the organization.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 13, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Harris, Member