

Marblehead Disabilities Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2020

Members Present: Laurie Blaisdell, Katie Farrell, Andrea Mountain, Preston Ford, Cheryl LaLonde, Samantha Marino, Sue Harris

Guests Present: Nancy Powell, Kathy St. Claire

Laurie called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting, as corrected, were approved.

The Commission continued its discussion of the condition of Marblehead sidewalks and plans to advocate for repairs.

The Commission agreed to invite to its March meeting the following Town officials to discuss the condition of Marblehead sidewalks and formulating a plan for repair: Tree Warden, the new Highway Department director, Jason Silva, and Becky Curran.

Laurie reported on her conversation with Don Morgan of the Conservation Conservency about a recent event when a wheelchair user got stuck in the mud while visiting Ware Pond. Mr. Morgan responded that the Commission was looking into the issue but had not been able to locate the problem area. He confirmed that the Conservation Commission is responsible for maintaining its conservation areas. The Commission agreed to invite representatives of the Conservation Commission to a future meeting to discuss mutual concerns.

Laurie reported on her conversation with Kyle Wylie about the possibility that the Commission adopt by-laws. Kyle stated that there is no legal or other precedent for doing this. She agreed to speak with Jason Silva about the Commission's concerns of how to best deal with a member who does not actively participate.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Harris, Member