

Billerica Commission on Disability

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Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday September 19, 2024

6:00 PM

VIA Zoom

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AGENDA

Agenda items in bold, notes in regular text

1. **Announcements:**
 - a. Per message from Clancy, last month's meeting shutoff was because someone double booked the Zoom... Town has three accounts, so shouldn't happen – but.....
2. **Open mike.**
3. **Need input for upcoming contracts and 5 year plan.**
 - a. Discussion of need to have COA bus services include disability as well as elderly Andrew J will keep us updated on when we need to provide input.
Continuing item, Email Andrew w/ any specific items for public record
4. **Kohlrausch park – meeting update – Continuing Item – any update?**
5. **Parking @ Senior Center – striping? (Mark L.) Not done, Per message from Mark L, Not required? Per Jason, library also very faded. Dina has requested Clancy put both on To Do list.**
6. **Gazebo status? - anything needed from us? (Mark L.)**
 - a. (SB has Vote to make gazebo mods handled by facilities, plan has been approved – lower legs and add ramp – priority.) - Continuing item, update?

7. **Trash Barrel blocking path @ Faulkner Mills dam overlook -per message from Mark L. we have promise it will be moved, status? (Mark L.)**
8. **Question for Marc L. from Mark T. about Kennedy Meadows Assisted living – parking compliance (number of spaces needed / present) ? Jason will look at also (Mark L.) Discussed @ last 2 meetings, update? (Mark L. will talk about enhanced enforcement, and talk to Management Co. about adding more spaces.) Continuing item – update?**
9. **O’Conner’s Plaza and Town Center businesses – parking, including out front (Mark L.)**
 - a. **Safety imp plan for added spaces – implementation status?**
 - b. **Any update about back lot**
Mangia mangia had a fire – closed? - No other update.

10. **Boston Rd. construction passability for pedestrians? Update?**
Will last until summer 2026 – listen to Town Mgr update on Facebook?

ART – note, I’ve driven route recently, it looks like things are patched up to be passable for walkers to at least as good as it was before project started, possibly better in some places. Probably better for wheelers, but not great.

11. **Question about the new pedestrian light buttons on the lights at the intersection of Boston Rd. and Treble Cove. - Mark L. eval?**
12. **I had a contact from Bethany Slack, “Community Services Coordinator” w/ the Billerica Board of Health, she said she used to work w/ Steve, and wants to connect w/ us to see how we can help each other.**
13. **There was a recent survey on MA Commissions run by the Danvers Accessibility Commission, results have been released (sent out separately) any thoughts? Lauren – reaching out to more other disability comms to talk about what they did and how it worked. Continuing item**
14. **Possible table @ Yankee Doodle, sensory space @ library – Lauren & Maria will work on. Status?**
 - a. **From emails, seems possible, but does conflict w/ book sale. 2nd floor quieter. (any conference room we could use?)**
 - b. **Darlene says we can do table for free? (Mary Howard is contact)**
 - c. **Possible new brochure**
 - d. **Doing support group for people w/ disability in town?**
 - e. **PLANNING FOR 2025?**
15. **Sandra J BATV show. - Planning?**
 - a. **Questions for / from Sandra?**
 - b. **Mission Statement?**
 - c. **Format of show?**

16. Maria will talk about possible "Disability Meet & Greet"
 - a. in sept? Or other date?
 - b. hold off until after BATV?
 - c. Location? (poss. BATV, St. Anne's, other?)
 - d. Who to invite? (Do we need to do outreach to special ed teachers and other disability people?)
17. Social media presence? Status / Approval?
 - a. Maria or Jason working on.
 - b. Dina's double check on permission? - Pending?
18. Membership – Darlene's application status?
19. Account finances.
20. Approval August minutes.
21. Old Business.
 - a. Website Update
 - i. Phone # - status of website listing? (should we have a process for what happens if Town gets call for us?)
 - ii. Email – spam or previous subscriptions? (update from Maria?)
 - iii. Update membership list (- Terri, + Darlene?)?
 - b.
22. New Business.
23. Adjournment.

ATTENDANCE:

ART absent due to conflicting event.