

Commission on Disabilities (COD)

Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021

Zoom link :

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Present:

Full Members: Joan Burrows, Franny Osman (Chair), Lisa Franklin, Leslie Johnson

Not Present: Peshia Kokis

Board of Selectman Liaison: Jim Snyder-Grant

Other: Other COD volunteers and residents

1. Opening

Chair Osman opened the meeting at 10:30 am after check-in.

2. Business

Select Board report from Jim Snyder-Grant: discussion of possibility of remote meetings in the future. All meeting rooms in Town Hall have equipment to support virtual meetings.

State CODA liaison report from Ms. Franklin: Newton has a guide book we can refer to as we consider bike lane restrictions and striping.

Acton Area Adaptive Bike Coalition report from Ms. Johnson: Melissa Rier, Dir. of Recreation Department, has ordered the new bikes. They are due this month. They will be free to Acton residents and \$5. for out-of-towners—up to a day for renting. The income will go toward maintenance. Ms. Rier and NARA park will administer. Ms. Franklin made a motion that the commission set aside money for repairs of the bikes. Ms. Johnson seconded. COD voted 4-0 in favor. A resident is donating an adult trike. Mr. Snyder-Grant noted there should be someone there to help people use the bikes properly and to make sure everyone has a cell phone. If needed, there should be one on hand to loan to users.

Ms. Osman noted that the **bathrooms at NARA Park** are all accessible and the new family bathrooms near the Miracle Field were designed well, with extra space and items such as an adult-size lift and a wall separating the family bathroom, to accommodate people with disabilities.

ADA Celebration in July: Ms. Franklin has contact with Cable TV to help design a video, pre-recorded. Our local legislators and others will be contacted to join. Mike

Eracleo and Mackenzie Dezieck of the Acton Police will give a presentation. Publicity will begin after the date is set.

We have \$1900 in our account. It was suggested that **shade trees** would be useful at the new accessible playground at Jones Field. It would be helpful for people who have trouble dealing with the heat. Ms. Franklin made a motion that the COD use up to \$900 for a shade tree. Ms. Burrows suggested planting the tree in memory of our late chair, Madeline Harvey. Ms. Burrows seconded the motion. The COD voted 4-0 in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

3. **Adjournment**

At 12:20 pm, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Minutes taken by Ms. Burrows, edited by Ms. Osman.