

Remote Meeting via Zoom

In attendance: Chair, Diane DeNapoli, Chair; Vice-Chair, Stephanie Gertz; Secretary, Megan Baker; Member, Mike Clancy; Member, SCPO Keith Jermyn; Member, Maria OLaughlin; Member-at-Large, Sharon Allen. **Absent:** None. **Guests in Attendance:** None

1. **Call to Order** - At 7:00 p.m., Chair DeNapoli called the meeting to order.

Chair DeNapoli read the following **Open Meeting Law** statement that has been slightly modified:
"This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the Chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the Chair may inform all other participants of said recording."

The Town of Hingham is recording the meeting.

2. **Opening Comments by Chair**

It is Black History month. She found a quote she admires from a great African American writer.

"If you are always trying to be 'normal' you will never know how amazing you can be." Maya Angelou

3. **Review and Accept Meeting Notes from January 2022**

MOTION: Sharon Allen motioned to approve the January Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Keith Jermyn.
Vote: All in favor: (Sharon Allen, aye; Megan Baker, aye; Mike Clancy, abstained; Diane DeNapoli, aye; Keith Jermyn, aye; Stephanie Gertz, aye). None opposed. Roll-Call-Vote: 5-0-1

At 7:11 pm, Maria OLaughlin joined the meeting.

4. **Review Workflow Document / Update (911 Update, Town Meeting, HP Parking, ADA survey)**

911 Update

Chair DeNapoli and Ms. Baker updated members on their phone calls with Hingham Police and Fire, as well as SSRECC, South Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center, regarding:

- Streamlining existing forms into a one-page form (State Indicator Form - name to be determined)
- Meet with Police and Fire Depts. next month to finalize form and how to promote it
- Paper form will be available at the Fire station, Police station, and the Board of Selectmen's Office
- Roll out final form to schools and the Senior Center
- Set up one day per month at the Senior Center to walk someone through how to fill out the form.
- Go live with the form in April

Ms. Baker wrote a letter to State CoD 911 who agree the form needs to be more inclusive

Ms. Allen visited the busy SSRECC 911 call center and suggested recognizable icons on the form would be helpful as would less wording since English is not the first language of all call center operators.

Town Meeting

A date has not been set but may be outdoors on a Saturday in April or May due to the pandemic.

Handicapped Parking (HP)

The Chair was notified snow had been plowed into the handicapped spot at the Post Office.

- People are parking in the handicapped spot without handicapped placards.
- Mr. Clancy will visit the Postmaster in-person about moving the handicapped parking spot.
- Ms. Gertz asked if the Town receives revenue for parking tickets or would that be the State Police.
- Mr. Clancy will follow-up with Officer Kilroy regarding Hingham Police ticketing the spot.

ADA Survey

Hingham was granted funds for an ADA survey to go over all facilities and procedures.

- CoD will co-chair two public meetings with the vendor conducting the survey to solicit public input
- CoD needs to "socialize" the survey and make the community aware to offer input by June 30

Recreation Center

Sharon Allen is CoD's liaison. She and Chair DeNapoli will meet with Mark Thorell, Emily Wentworth, Art Roberts, and possibly Mike Clancy to learn of compliance issues, goals, projects they will prioritize.

- Rec Center is now in charge of maintenance for the school fields.
- Ms. Allen asked Keith Jermyn to keep her informed of any needs for the veteran population.

ALEC Police Training (Autism & Law Enforcement Coalition)

The training has been pushed out to April. The training is for police to better respond and understand signals of autism to de-escalate situations. The trainer is always a law enforcement officer who has a family member with autism. Chair DeNapoli is looking forward to sitting in on the training.

Workflow Document

Chair DeNapoli shared the revised Workflow document which has been reduced to one page. The document can be used to present at Town Meeting or in the Annual Report to share the CoD goals.

5. Discuss possible fundraising ideas (Autism Patch with HPD, HP Parking, Fun Walk)

Chair DeNapoli met with Town staff, Jean Montgomery, regarding fundraising:

- Selectmen allotted CoD \$500 when the original Warrant Article was established at Town Meeting
- In 2001, the \$500 to CoD Warrant Article was stopped because the CoD became defunct
- Enforcement of handicapped parking tickets was never funneled to the CoD
- In lieu of handicapped parking ticket revenue, the CoD determined to fundraise from 3 sources:
 - Ask Board of Selectmen for an annual budget for specific needs to be listed in Warrant Article
 - Follow the handicapped parking fines.
 - Ask for private donations or host specific fundraising events

- A CoD Treasurer is required to make sure CoD checks are deposited. Balance stands at \$200.
- How would CoD spend the \$200 balance (trainer, host an event, picnic table at bathing beach)?
 - Fun Run, a Walk, Nature, or inclusive Community education event on service animals
- Ms. OLaughlin suggested raising money for a specific cause.

Jean Montgomery suggests the CoD decide how extra funds will be used if a fundraising goal was exceeded. CoD cannot return the funds. The balance needs to stay with the CoD.

Annual Autism Patch with Hingham Police Department (HPD)

- Some revenue has been shared with the Flutie Fund and with SNAP
- We could help with BCBA at the school; or give to the Library such as social stories
- We could use things to supplement people in our community with autism

Sustainable Budget Final Report

Chair DeNapoli suggested members review the Town's Sustainable Budget Final Report.

- Think about how this may affect someone in Town with a disability; how to provide tax assistance

6. Other items not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Clancy said his department is responsible to comply with the standards of the Massachusetts Law 521CMR, Architectural Access Board Rules and Regulations, as well as the International Building Code ICC\ANSI 117.1. He read the first two paragraphs of the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

Vice-Chair Gertz said she was excited to learn from CNN.com that the United Kingdom TV Network had sent a handicapped team to cover the Paralympics in Beijing.

Chair DeNapoli received correspondence that the Middle School elevator had been broken for almost one month. Mr. Clancy will follow up tomorrow with Doug Foley.

Ms. Baker sat in on the School Committee meeting. They discussed building the new Foster School.

- The CoD should let them know about Disability needs they may have overlooked.
- Mr. Clancy's dept. does a planning review to be sure a new building public use is fully accessible
- Ms. Allen said Foster School Special Ed teachers have visited classrooms to speak with teachers.

Keith Jermyn was approached by the Harbor Development Committee. They were appropriated \$60,000 to reinstitute the Harbor Master Plan. He suggested Chair DeNapoli reach out to Chair, Marco Boer, to talk with the landscape architect to be sure of accessibility.

Mr. Clancy suggested his department will look at the drawings to make sure the areas are accessible.

Ms. OLaughlin suggested:

- If committed, we need to move fast on a chair and mat to transfer someone to the beach water. The rough length of the mat could cost up to \$25,000. The sand grading is a disability barrier.
- As a physical therapist, she thinks we can achieve access to enjoy the beach and see the water but has a serious concern about placing someone into the chair and going into the water because the mud is like quicksand, and the tide is changing. The walkway should be firm out to the water.

Chair DeNapoli said access to the harbor is needed for all; add two wheelchair accessible picnic tables.

Tuesday, February 8, 2021

Mr. Jermyn said CPC will fund \$700,000 for a Town pool. There will be a ramp and crane into the pool.

Next Meeting Date is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Maria OLaughlin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Seconded by Sharon Allen.

Vote: All in favor (Sharon Allen, aye; Megan Baker, aye; Mike Clancy, aye; Diane DeNapoli, aye; Stephanie Gertz, aye; Keith Jermyn, aye; Maria OLaughlin, aye). None opposed. Roll Call Vote 7-0-0

Meeting Materials used: Revised Workflow document

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Michaud
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