

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

**January 8, 2018**  
**Johnson Chambers**  
**6:30 pm**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Robin Torpey, Crystal Evans, Mary Russo, Meredith Lincoln

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kristen Zechello, ADA Coordinator

**MINUTES:** Not available to be reviewed or approved by board. Both December 2017 and January 2018 minutes will be available at the next month's meeting for review and approval.

### **Call to Order:**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

### **Current:**

- December 4, 2017 meeting minutes not reviewed or approved
- No telephone calls to report
- No Email/Website updates
- No Budget/Monthly Accounting reports/request for funds updates
  - There were several requests for funds discussed.
    - *Proposed purchase of DVD's for use in schools, public viewing and donation to library "Lives worth Living" & "The Great Fight for Disability Rights"*
    - *Port-Light training-emergency assistance on-line course*
    - *Ms. Evans will forward all information to the other members for consideration and a vote at the next meeting on February 5, 2018.*

### **Old Business:** *Update from ADA Coordinator on current projects*

- *Town Buildings-Accessibility issues are being addressed on an ongoing basis. Daughraty Gym unisex accessible restroom is approved and work will begin soon.*
- *Parks & Recreation-ADA Coordinator meets every week with DPW to discuss updates, Harris Playground being renovated and brought up to compliance in the spring.*
- *Streets & Roads-"100 Roads" program does not include sidewalk maintenance of and compliance issues other than "barrier removal".*
- *Transition Planning-ADA Coordinator is working on getting funding for remaining sidewalk assessment through the Mass Office on Disabilities. Town wide, buildings and open spaces are mostly complete.*

**New Business:**

- *Using Facebook and the Nextdoor App for COD communication* – discussed procedure for using FB and Nextdoor. All posts will be made by either ADA Coordinator or the Mayor’s office (Constituents Coordinator).

**Information:**

- Next Meeting February 5, 2018 6:30pm in Johnson Chambers
- Proposed topics for discussion at next meeting
  - *Veterans Agent: Mrs. Cynthia Harris*
    - *Discussed the possibility of inviting Ms. Harris to speak at a COD meeting in the future to better understand the needs of the disabled veteran’s community in town.*

**Public Comment:****Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM