

Nantucket Commission on Disability
Minutes
Open Session
Thursday February 22, 2024

Due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak, and pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Regarding Open Meeting Law, this meeting was conducted remotely by video conference via Zoom and the meeting will be aired at a later time on the Town's Government TV YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-sgxAlfdoxteLNzRAUHxA>"

Present:

Mickey Rowland, Jeanette Topham, Georgia Snell, Maribeth Maloney, August Chotkowski, Rocky Fox, and Brenda McDonough.

Absent:

All Present

Guests:

Public Comment: None

Call to Order: 3:05 P.M.

Mr. Rowland read the "Script for Remotely Conducted Open Meetings" and all members present via Zoom responded affirmatively as Mr. Rowland called their names.

Agenda: 3:05 P.M.

Mr. Rowland stated, by unanimous consent we are adopting the agenda.

Note:

Minutes 3:07 P.M.

Mr. Fox motioned to approve August 17, 2023, minutes, which Ms. Maloney seconded, and all the present, eligible Commission members unanimously approved this motion by roll call:

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Ms. Topham- Aye

Ms. Snell- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Mr. Fox- Aye

Mr. Chotkowski- Aye

Open Session: 3:08 P.M.

New Business:

Topics:

Nantucket Commission on Disability's Bylaws

- The Commission wanted to update their bylaws to reflect our duties and responsibilities here on Nantucket, and to reflect what our Commission is about. The Commission's bylaws were last amended on January 10, 2010. Ms. Maloney worked together with Mr. Rowland and Ms. McDonough to update the bylaws. The Commission members received an updated, amended copy of the Commission's bylaws.
- Ms. Maloney explained her interest in updating the bylaws, and the Commission members were very thankful.
- Mr. Rowland thanked Ms. Maloney for all her expertise in editing the Commission's bylaws. Mr. Rowland read the updated, amended bylaws to all the Commissioners, and fielded comments from the Commissioners as he read the bylaws.
- Ms. Snell asked what a quorum for our Commission is, which presently has 6 members and a quorum for our present Commission is 4.
- Mr. Fox wondered if we could have 7 members and what is the process for someone applying for membership to our Commission. Ms. McDonough replied that we can have 5 to 7 members, and an interested applicant would apply at the town building and Libby appoints new Commissioners usually at the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30.
- Ms. Snell motioned to adopt the newly updated and amended bylaws as the Commission's bylaws, which Ms. Topham seconded, and all the remaining present members voted in favor of this motion.

Old Business: None

Update: 3:28 P.M.

- Ms. McDonough spoke with Lt. Brendan Coakley about the town's emergency preparedness plan for the elderly and for people with disabilities. The town plans to update the emergency preparedness plan and Ms. McDonough asked if the Commission and other interested groups on Nantucket could give some input as to what they see will be effective to accommodate elderly people and people with disabilities in the event of an emergency.
- Mr. Fox mentioned that there are members of the community who are trained Red Cross volunteers. Red Cross Association is not active on Nantucket. Mr. Fox mentioned that Barry Rector is a member of the Red Cross volunteers. Contact Mr. Rector regarding the Red Cross volunteers' responsibilities.
- Mr. Rowland stated that the town keeping one list of all the elderly residents and residents with disabilities is ineffective and difficult to maintain. Our emergency shelter is Nantucket High School.
- Ms. McDonough told the Commission that she and Mr. Rowland met with Dave Monast, Manager of the Stop and Shop on Sparks Ave. and requested to relocate one shopping cart coral adjacent to the accessible parking spaces. Mr. Monast basically said that he would think about it. Ms. McDonough spoke again with Mr. Monast about a week later and he basically

said that he is not moving them. Mr. Fox suggested to go corporate and send a letter to Stop and Shop's president and request that they relocate the one shopping cart coral adjacent to the accessible spaces. Ms. McDonough will count all the parking spaces in the parking lot to ensure that they have the correct number of required accessible parking spaces.

***Topics Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting:**

Adjournment: 4:14 P.M.

Mr. Fox motioned to adjourn Open Session, which Ms. Topham seconded, and all voted in favor of this motion by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Ms. Snell- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Ms. Topham- Aye

Mr. Fox- Aye

Mr. Chotkowski- Aye

Submitted by:

Brenda McDonough, Facilitator