

Nantucket Commission on Disability
Minutes
Open Session
Thursday March 14, 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-sqxA1fdoxteLNzRAUHlxA>"

Present:

Mickey Rowland, , Georgia Snell, Maribeth Maloney, August Chotkowski and Brenda McDonough.

Absent:

Jeanette Topham and Rocky Fox

Guests:

Public Comment: None

Call to Order: 3:34 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: 3:35 P.M.

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

Note:

Minutes 3:35 P.M.

Ms. Maloney motioned to approve February 22, 2024 minutes, which Ms. Snell seconded, and all the present, eligible Commission members unanimously approved this motion by roll call:

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Ms. Snell- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Mr. Chotkowski- Aye

Open Session: 3:36 P.M.

New Business:

Topics:

Change in Accessible Taxi Regulation in Section 367-2 and section 367-2 (M)

- Presently, the Accessible Taxi Regulation Section 367-2 and Section 367-2 (M) state that “An accessible taxicab shall operate seven days a week and be on demand 18 hours per day.” The proposed change to this regulation is “*The accessible taxicab shall provide year-round service.*” The following are the Commissioners comments.
 - Ms. Snell wondered how many people require an accessible taxi.
 - Mr. Rowland mentioned maybe we should include taxi companies reporting this to us in the regulation.
 - He also mentioned that maybe we can make the regulations more restrictive by adding that the accessible taxicab cannot be off the road for more than 2 weeks at any given time.
 - Ms. Maloney noted that the goal is to have all four accessible taxi licenses taken so that we have 4 accessible taxi cabs operating year-round.
 - She also stated that the distinction between operating an Uber service and a taxicab is that the taxicab is your own business.
 - Mr. Rowland said that we have to be respectful of the operating hours if we are trying to have applicants apply for this license, and we should approach this regulation change as if the taxi operator was the sole proprietor.
- Ms. Snell motioned to adopt the proposed changes to the accessible taxi regulations, which Ms. Maloney seconded, and all the remaining present members voted in favor of this motion.

Old Business: None

Update: 4:00 P.M.

- Ms. McDonough and Mr. Rowland reviewed plans for Lily Park with Land Bank staff and the engineers involved in the project.
- A gentleman contacted Ms. McDonough regarding year-round work for his daughter who has autism spectrum disorder. Ms. McDonough asked the Commissioners places where this woman might find employment. Here are some of the suggestions; Off Shore Animal Hospital, Hospital greeter, schools, farms, camps, Community School and the STAR program.

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

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Ms. Snell- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Mr. Chotkowski- Aye

Submitted by:

Brenda McDonough, Facilitator