

TOWN OF MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

52 Main Street, Milford, Massachusetts 01757

Jennifer S. Walsh, Chairman

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at the Milford Senior Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by <u>Jennifer Walsh</u>, Chairman.

<u>Members Present:</u> <u>Jennifer Walsh</u> (Chairman), <u>Margaret Myatt</u>, <u>Dino DeBartolomeis</u>, <u>Julia Gonzalez</u>, <u>Rachel Haser</u> and <u>Rhonda Crosby (Treasurer)</u>. A quorum of membership attended.

Members Unable to Attend: Alexis Forgit (Secretary), Teresa Graceffa (Vice Chairman) and Sue Clark

Guests in Attendance: None

<u>Minutes:</u> Minutes from 02/28/2018 were unanimously approved by Julia Gonzalez and seconded by Rachel Haser, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The following balances were reported by R. Crosby

- 1. Handicapped Fines Account = \$7,875.00
- 2. Miscellaneous Expenses Budget Remaining = \$1,130
- 3. Comm on Disability = \$87.84

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jennifer Walsh with an updated total for fees. Report was unanimously approved by Rachel Haser seconded by Julia Gonzalez.

New Business: R.Haser - Hopes Landing: Introduced the MCOD to her Proposal and read the Mission Statement of Hopes Landing "To provide adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities with the opportunities to find their unique purpose, achieve independence, and engage in a community that will enhance their lives and the lives of those around them". The Commission is very much interested in this project and feels that this is a great idea and hopes that with the help of the community, this will become a reality for the adults in our community. She is in the beginning phases of creating this and will keep the Commission updated. M.Myatt - Trail Update: Margaret indicated that it has been dormant due to the weather. Margaret spoke with Dimetra Edwards and indicated that the audio portion of the trail will be set up and recorded this spring, as soon as weather aets

<u>J.Walsh</u>– Request: Jennifer read a request from <u>S.Clark</u> from the Senior Center for the request that the Commission purchase (3) Zoom Text Magnifier/Reader Software. There is an employee at the Senior Center who would directly benefit from this program, as she is visually impaired. This request was unanimously approved by <u>J.Gonzalez</u> and seconded by <u>R.Haser</u>.

Other Business:

<u>D. Debartolomeis</u> – Self Serve Gas Station – Updated the Commission, he indicated that the same did not make onto the agenda of the town's meeting that was held in May, 2018, seems to think it will make it onto OctobersAgenda.

<u>J.Walsh</u> – Family Fun and Disabilities Awareness Fair: The Commission feels our presence at the Fair introduced the Community to who we and what we do. <u>J.Walsh</u> hopes there will be more agencies next year and this was a great stepping stone for the MCOD for it to host its own Family Fair in the years to come. <u>J.Walsh</u> shared a flyer on the date, time and location from the Framingham Disability Commission & Metrowest Center for Independent Living re: The AAB Variance & Complaint Process.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Milford Senior Center.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m., motion to adjourn by J.Gonzalez and seconded by R.Haser.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Crosby

CC: Board of Selectmen; Town Administrator; Finance Director; Building Commissioner