

Commission on Disability Meeting Notes April 6, 2022

Members in Attendance, Zoom meeting: Brendan Brides, Chanda DiSanti, Dohm Jellison (vice chair), Lisa Judelson, Meghan Keegan (chair), Susan Marancik, Polly Sherman, Julia Wright

Guest speaker: Guy Boucher, Sandwich Recreational Department

Guy presented an overview of the programs provided by the Recreational Department and other activities available in town. The department has worked consistently over the years to become more "inclusive" and is pleased to report they have been able to accommodate all but one individual in participating in an activity. The recreation department has a limited budget and provides programs with fees to pay for the costs incurred. Some of the activities he discussed are the Unified Special Needs Sandwich Sailor programs, collaboration with the Spaulding on adaptive equipment events, working to make playgrounds more accessible, mats for water access at the beaches, and providing beach wheelchairs for people to use to get to the water.

The department is supportive and working with the town on providing water filling stations at the town's recreational sites.

Danielle Binienda, a candidate for school committee introduced herself to the commission and her interest in being elected to this office. Meghan has reached out to the "Sandwich Stands" group and will help to bring people with disabilities to speak for the water bottle ban.

The name change for the commission was briefly discussed and tabled for the present.

Interpreters: Meghan reports that the town is not sure who should handle getting interpreters for meetings and she wants to bring in a speaker to explain the process and the town's funding responsibilities to us. She will also contact Heather Harper, assistant Town Manager, as this is the Town Position (Doug Lapp at the time) that went through the process in years past.

A vote was taken to adjourn the meeting

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