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## Commission on Accessibility 8/3/2022 meeting

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- Members in attendance; Dohm Jellison -vice chair ( chairing this meeting) Julie Wright, Lisa Judelson, Brandon Brides – building department liaison , Polly Sherman, Chanda DiSanti -secretary Sarah Maranick, Charlie Holden-Selectmen liaison

Approval of minutes was unanimous from last meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Correspondence;

Dohm Jellison reported that the veteran's clinic in Hyannis is looking for a new building for Medical services and there is a possibility of them finding one in Sandwich. This would greatly serve our townspeople who rely on the clinic for services.

### Agenda items:

Handicapped parking violation fund;

Charlie Holden announced that we need to set up an account and think about how we should spend these funds. The matter was continued so that Megan Keegan ( chair) can be in attendance.

### Accessible parking at town hall;

Brandon Brides reported that we are moving ahead with getting a space marked and that because of lack of all parking we can only take one space even though two were originally planned. Also, since we want the space to be closest to the building we will not be able to modify the curb as we would wish.



Chanda DiSanti reported that she would like to help the police department with trainings on Autism. Charlie Holden suggested she reach out to corporal Brian Bondarek. More news to follow

The time to apply for an Americans with Disabilities act, improvement grant is approaching the commission should think about what we would like to submit.

Ideas raised :

a wheel chair for the library.

a beach wheel chair

making hiking trails and historical sight accessible for the blind through an app for vocal walking tours. Could work with Sandwich TV on this

Questions raised: what have we asked for in the past? What is left on our towns assessment that still needs to be taken care of?

Originally we needed about 700,000 to be up to code on everything ( not including the boardwalk)

Zoom meeting legislation has passed, we can keep meeting via Zoom until March 21, 2023. This may be approved indefinitely .

Boardwalk final design presentation scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commission would like to ask the Sandwich Board of selectmen to please add a railing on the town neck side with a wheel chair bumper for those with mobility issues, even though the new design is completely ADA compliant.

Charlie Holden said he would address this at the meeting

Interpreter resources were talked about and Trish Macdonald from the Sandwich Recreation was said to be a good resource for the Town, but she is not a registered interpreter, so she cannot be used in an official capacity.

The meeting was called to a close and all members voted to end the meeting to be reconvened on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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