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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Ludlow Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting held on
August 29th, 2024

Present:

Christopher Harkins, Chairperson
Tara Bronner-Member
Diane Shea Walton, Treasurer
Jennifer Wright, Member
Beverly Dudley, Member
Harry Mills, Member

Absent:

Joanne-Odato-Staeb Secretary
Tamara Huntley, Vice Chairperson

- I. **Called to Order:** 6:05 P.M. Role Call and Signature Attendance Sheet shared.
- II. **Review and Accept Minutes:** Jennifer Wright motioned to accept, Diane Walton, seconded, 6-0 in favor.
- III. **Budget/Expense Sheet:**
 - a. Diane explained that when you have a positive balance in the budget they put a negative sign in front of the account which led to some confusion but treasurer clarified it is for accounting purposes. We currently have 5,530.87 in our budget.
- IV. **Upcoming Trainings/Increasing Town Awareness of Commission: (the goal is to be present at least 1 event quarterly)**
 - a. **Park and Recreation:**
 - i. No updates at this meeting
 - b. **MOD Training:**
 - i. Joanne reached out to Jeff Dugan at MOD related to scheduling CAM virtual training however had not heard back at time of Commission meeting. Joanne also checked with town IT, Ludlow Cable Access, and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, to find out about Closed Caption and Screen Reading capabilities for member access. Joanne will need to coordinate these service providers with MOD.
 - c. **Ludlow Cultural:**
 - i. No updates at this meeting

d. Color Ludlow with Love:

i. Jenny shared that Color with Love will be September 14th 10:30-2:00. Several members are planning to attend and support. Jenny and Chris will be getting there at 9:45 and other members will help to set up.

e. 250 Celebration Events: No updates at this meeting

V. Town Physical Access

a. Accessibility of Local Businesses for Ludlow Residents:

i. No updates provided

VI. Correspondence/Old Business New Business

a. Correspondence: Ethics/conflict of interest training up to date except for Beverly who is waiting on state to provide accommodations so she is able to complete training.

b. High School Gym access: Jenny reported that Tim Brillo corresponded that the wheelchair lift gate has been fixed and is working properly.

c. New Business:

a. Members discussed determining whether we can use money from our budget to provide an annual scholarship for a graduating student with a documented disability to pursue college or additional vocational training. Diane will follow-up with the town

b. Tara presented hosting another Villa Rose fundraising night for an agreed upon organization. Members agreed that this was a good idea and Tara will follow up with Tony at Villa Rose to check on available Wednesday nights

c. Tara and Jenny presented adopting a classroom to help with supplies to support students with disabilities. Members discussed rotating schools each year. Members discussed supporting the social-emotional classroom at the middle school this year. Jenny is going to follow up with the Middle School staff to see what they might need.

d. Chris is going to reach out to our newest ADA coordinator to offer an invitation to a future disability commission meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tara Bronner, seconded by Harry Mills, Vote 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next meeting date: Thursday September 26th, 2024, 6:00 PM Town Hall Room #1, in the First Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,


Tara Bronner, Covering Secretary

Minutes accepted as read:

By Christopher Markus Date 9/26/24

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