



Town of Sheffield
Commission on Disabilities
Town Hall – 21 Depot Square
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Friday, April 15, 2022
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Commission Members

Present: Laura Grunfeld, Chair
Pam Mercer
Priscilla Rueger
Absent: Tod MacKenzie
Gail Mullen
Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:42 AM and was chaired by Grunfeld. The meeting is being recorded.

- 1.) **Approval of February 18 minutes:** By consensus, the February 18 minutes were approved.
- 2.) **Grit Trail Wheelchair:** Mercer reported that the wheelchair has been delivered to the library. Grunfeld reported that Select Board Chair Rene Wood called to let her know she has been working with the insurance company to get coverage and prepare a liability release. She said she expects the chair to be ready for check-out by the end of this month. Due to insurance the chair may only be used by residents of Sheffield. The COD is disappointed that it is only available to Sheffield residents. Grunfeld will ask Wood if a Sheffield resident could check it out and take responsibility for a person visiting from out of town. Mercer will make a poster about the availability of the Grit wheelchair for putting up around town (Town Hall, Library, Senior Center, and the Sheffield and Ashley Falls Post Offices, etc.). By consensus, it was agreed that Grunfeld will help to edit the poster and will then distribute it.
- 3.) **Library's Evacuation Drill update:** Mullen not in attendance. Item postponed.
- 4.) **Town Accessibility Handbook update:** Mercer reported that she and MacKenzie had not yet had a chance to work on this project. Mercer will begin reaching out to departments to get more information.
- 5.) **Sheffield Times' article:** Wood is writing an article about obtaining the Grit Chair. Mercer plans write a follow-up article in the next issue, about using the chair. MacKenzie submitted an article that was published in the last issue, reporting on the Disabled Persons Protection Commission presentation given at the January COD Meeting.
- 6.) **ADA Self-Evaluation Update:** Working on this report was postponed until the next meeting when more members are in attendance.
- 7.) **Member's Items:** Grunfeld asked how we can recruit other members. Rueger has mentioned the COD at the Senior Center but found no takers.

8.) **Visitors' Items:** There were no visitors.

9.) **Items for next meeting's agenda.** Approval of minutes, update on library evacuation drill, Grit Chair update, Town Accessibility Handbook update, Sheffield Times articles, ADA Self-Evaluation working session.

10.) **Date, time, place for next meeting:** Friday, June 24, 10:30 AM. Whether the meeting will be virtual, or in-person, will be determined closer to the date.

11.) **Communications:** There were none.

12.) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Grunfeld". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Grunfeld
Chair, Commission on Disabilities