



Town of Sheffield
Commission on Disabilities
Town Hall – 21 Depot Square
P.O. Box 325
Sheffield, Massachusetts 01257



Friday, January 10, 2020
Bushnell Sage Library, upstairs meeting room
Meeting officially opened at 10:30A

Commission Members

Present: Laura Grunfeld, Chair
Dale Alden
Rick Brown
Priscilla Rueger
Absent: Gail Mullen
Guests: None

Dale Alden chaired the meeting. Alden called the Commission on Disabilities (COD) meeting officially open at 10:30 AM.

1.) Approval of December 20 minutes: By consensus, the December 20, 2019 minutes were approved. September 6, 2019 minutes are not yet complete.

2.) Secondary parking signage: Discussion begun and then combined with Parking Cover Sheet discussion.

3.) Town Center parking report cover sheet: The COD spent the bulk of this meeting in discussions to prepare the cover sheet. Grunfeld was given permission to fine-tune the final document before turning it in to Selectboard Chair Rene Wood and Town Administrator/ADA Coordinator Rhonda LaBombard.

4.) COD Budget: Tabled until next meeting.

5.) Straw Ban: Julie Berger, a Great Barrington resident, contacted Grunfeld regarding straws and how people with disabilities need ready access to straws when visiting food establishments. She had concerns regarding a straw ban and sent several links to information on the topic. COD members read the information and discussed the topic. We will discuss straws again at the next meeting when we hope to have clarity on what Berger is specifically requesting from the COD.

6.) Members' Items: None

7.) Visitor's Items: None

8.) Items for next meeting's agenda: Parking update, budget, straws, COD storage.

9.) Date, time, place for next meeting: Friday February 14, 10:30 AM. Either in the basement or upstairs at the library. Check at the desk.

10.) Communications: None.

11.) Adjournment: Brown moved to close the meeting. Rueger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

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