



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



Friday, September 21, 2020
Virtual meeting by conference call

Commission Members

Present: Laura Grunfeld, Chair
Rick Brown
Pam Mercer
Gail Mullen
Priscilla Rueger

Absent: None

Guests: None

Grunfeld chaired the meeting. She called the Commission on Disabilities (COD) meeting officially open at 10:36 AM.

Grunfeld read the required opening statement: *In accordance with Gov. Bakers 3/12/20 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting law, and the Governor's 3/15/20 Order limiting the number of people who may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Sheffield Commission on Disabilities, is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public is permitted (other than virtually), but every effort will be made to ensure you can participate in this meeting. When we hear by a ping sound that someone has joined the meeting we will ask that person to introduce themselves.*

- 1.) **Approval of Aug 21 minutes:** Not yet available.
- 2.) **Covered Bridge Park Accessibility:** No update. Still waiting to hear from Town Hall.
- 3.) **Sheffield Times Article:** Mercer to write an article about the accessible trail that Greenagers is building around the Southern Berkshire Regional School vernal pool. Mercer will interview Will Conklin, Executive Director of Greenagers. Grunfeld to assist Mercer with the final editing of the article.

Ideas for other accessible trails that Greenagers could build in Sheffield include a trail at the Covered Bridge and at the Town Park.

Mullen will write a short notice for the Sheffield Times regarding the 911 form that people with disabilities submit to the Police Department so that first responders are alerted to the presence of people with disabilities and are prepared to assist as needed.

- 4.) **ADA Self-Evaluation Update:** The COD members reviewed and updated the Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation Plan with input from department heads who sent updates via email. The COD gives permission for Rene Wood and Grunfeld to make further updates as necessary.

Mullen will talk with Lindquist about the Library's emergency evacuation plan.

- 5.) **Members' Items:** None
- 6.) **Visitors' Items:** No visitors were present.
- 7.) **Items for next meeting's agenda:** Sheffield Times article. COD Mailing.
- 8.) **Date, time, place for next meeting:** Friday October 16, 10:30 AM. At the pavilion in person (if allowed), or by conference call, to be determined.
- 9.) **Communications:** None
- 10.) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12.06 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Laura Grunfeld
Chair, Commission on Disabilities