



Town of Sheffield
Commission on Disabilities
Town Hall - 21 Depot Square
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Friday, Oct 15, 2021
Bushnell Sage Library, downstairs meeting room

Commission Members

Present: Laura Grunfeld, Chair
Tod MacKenzie
Pam Mercer
Gail Mullen
Priscilla Rueger

Attending by phone: No one

Absent: No one

Guests: No one

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM and was chaired by Grunfeld. The meeting is being recorded.

1.) Approval of July 16 and Aug 6, 2021 minutes: By consensus, the July 16 and Aug 6 minutes were approved.

2.) Sheffield Times Articles: Mercer has written two articles since we last met. The topics were the Great Barrington River Walk and Parson's Marsh in Lenox. Upcoming ideas include the Botanical Gardens and Springside in Pittsfield. MacKenzie will write an article for the July/August 2022 Sheffield Times regarding attending the signing of the ADA in 1990.

3.) COD picnic wrap-up: Mercer, with agreement from others, expressed that she enjoyed the picnic, liked meeting people, and hearing what other CODs are doing. The Sheffield COD wants to be available to help other up and coming commissions. Gail will invite the New Marlborough COD to attend our meetings. We would like to host the picnic on an annual basis. At the next picnic, the members would like to hold a 10-minute educational session followed by social time. Representatives from the following CODs attended: Pittsfield 1, Great Barrington 1, New Marlborough 2, Sheffield 4, and one member of the public.

4.) Playground update: The newly installed Bushnell Sage Library playground is not accessible to people using wheelchairs. It is raised a foot above ground level with very soft bedding. We will include this information in the ADA Self-Evaluation. Mercer and Grunfeld are interested in visiting the new accessible playground in Pittsfield.

5.) Town Accessibility Handbook update: Mercer and MacKenzie will begin work on that shortly.

6.) Library's emergency drill update: Mullen spoke with Deena Caswell, Library Director, who is working to find a date for the drill. She will determine which departments will participate. COD members may participate or observe.

7.) **Seeking a clerk:** Grunfeld expressed that she looks forward to a time when one of the other members can take on the Clerk duties.

8.) **Member's Items:** Grunfeld to check the mail. Mullen will ask LaBombard about storing old COD files in the Town Hall basement.

9.) **Visitors' Items:** There were none.

10.) **Items for next meeting's agenda.** Approval of minutes, Playground discussion, update on library evacuation drill, Town Accessibility Handbook update,

11.) **Date, time, place for next meeting:** Friday, Nov 19, 10:30 AM, downstairs library. This will be an in-person meeting.

12.) **Communications:** None

13.) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Laura Grunfeld
Chair, Commission on Disabilities