

Harvard Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 899 9301 3481

Called to Order at 10:00 am by Davida Bagatelle

Present: Davida Bagatelle, Carolyn Luescher, Toni Spacciapoli

Absent: Brian Wickman, Laurie Bridges

Guest Speaker: Jeff Dougan, Assistant Director for Community Services
MA Office on Disability

- **Presentation and Q&A provided by Jeff Dougan**
 - Jeff shared a document from Massachusetts Office of Disabilities (MOD) which provides links to information regarding current laws and regulations and assistance to municipalities regarding disabilities.
 - The role of MOD was described, including information regarding training sessions that are offered and a description of the types of responsibilities carried out by Commission on Disabilities in municipalities.
 - Jeff shared information regarding the Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Grant Program.
 - A brief discussion concerning FY21 grant cycle and needs of the Town outlined in the 2016 Self-evaluation and Transition and Accommodation Plan. Carolyn expressed concern surrounding the Town's website accessibility for individuals with disabilities, specifically screen reader technology.
 - A discussion with Jeff regarding Commission goals and bylaws was tabled until a future meeting.
- Davida made a suggestion to table the Agenda and use the remaining minutes of the meeting to approve the July 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
 - This motion was second and the motion to table the Agenda was unanimously approved by those present.
 - The Minutes were unanimously approved by those present.
- The Commission agreed to meet in two (2) weeks to discuss bylaws and goals and the Grant process with Jeff Dougan and to invite Assistant Town Manager, Marie Sobalvarro to the meeting.
- Action Items:
 - Davida will reach out to Assistant Town Manager and coordinate and set the next meeting date and time.
 - Old and new business items will be carried over to the next monthly meeting.
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:12am.