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BELMONT DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION

Minutes, Meeting of May 18th, 2022 (Held via Zoom)

Disability Access Commission Members in Attendance: Emily Walsh (chair), Nan Donald, Michael Lanza, Janet H. Macdonald, and Erica Zidel

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., and ended at 7:53 p.m.

The meeting minutes for the last meeting on February 16, 2022, were approved with minor corrections. No meetings were held on the following dates: March 16, 2022, and April 20, 2022.

The Commission briefly discussed a proposed article about the Disability Access Commission to submit to the Belmont Citizen-Herald. Nan to follow up.

Disability Access Commission input is being sought for the new library design. Emily to follow up with representatives of the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Building committee to determine the time commitment and whether the input can be provided remotely or not.

The Commission has been working on a resource guide to include on the town website. Members reviewed the listings as well as proposed introductory paragraphs and made several edits. Members also highlighted items from last year's benchmarking project of particular interest. These included:

- Researching At Risk Registries and related trainings that other towns have adopted
- Liaising with the Town ADA Coordinator
- Following up with Norma Massarotti on her survey of whether accessible parking spaces have unintentional barriers

Janet reminded the Commission that Belmont's Parking Permit Program entitles residents over 65 to free two-hour parking in municipal lots and metered spots. The Council on Aging issues the permits through the Beech Street Center at a cost of \$5.

The Disability Access Commission will continue to meet remotely until further notice. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. Other upcoming meeting dates include:

- Wednesday, July 20
- Wednesday, September 21
- Wednesday, October 19
- Wednesday, November 16
- Wednesday, December 19

--Submitted by Nan Donald, Clerk.