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## BELMONT DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION

Minutes, Meeting of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Held via Zoom)

**Disability Access Commission Members in Attendance:** Emily Walsh (chair), Mark F. Clark, Nan Donald, Patricia Groves, Esq., Michael Lanza, Janet H. Macdonald, Erica Zidel

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., and ended at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The meeting minutes for the last meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved.

Janet H. Macdonald inquired about the current status of the Grove Street Walking Path Project. Nan Donald will contact Donna Ruvolo to invite her to the next meeting to provide updates.

Discussion was held regarding standardizing a meeting time for Disability Access Commission (DAC) meetings. It is unclear at this time when the town will resume in-person meetings, or whether the option to continue remote and/or hybrid (in-person and remote) meetings will be offered. Erica Zidel will check with the town to see if any determination on meeting formats has been made.

A decision was made to schedule meetings for the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7 p.m., including the following dates:

- Wednesday, June 16
- Wednesday, August 18
- Wednesday, September 22
- Wednesday, October 20
- Wednesday, November 17
- Wednesday, December 15 (tentative)

During the April meeting, Commission members agreed to research activities of disability commissions in surrounding towns. Reporting on findings took up most of the rest of today's meeting. As a large amount of information was presented, it was decided that it would be most efficient to compile a bullet list of the most important information. Emily Walsh and Nan Donald volunteered to complete the list, which is attached to these minutes. Erica Zidel will research documents created by the Vision 21 Implementation Committee for other useful information.

Janet MacDonald recommended attending a Community Access Monitor Training, which teaches individuals to survey buildings for accessibility. Patricia Groves agreed to present on the program, as well as providing a brief overview of the Massachusetts Office on Disability, which runs the Community Access Monitor Training.

The next meeting will be held by Zoom on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

--Submitted by Nan Donald, Clerk.