



January 19, 2023

Jean Goldsberry, Janet Beyer, Bob Andrews, Meryl Schwartz, Jennifer Brooke, Lloyd Price
Guest Rose O'Neil, Linda Escobedo, library director Emily Smith

Meryl moved, Jennifer seconds to accept minutes

Emily: Transportation advisory committee is going to meet with library committee regarding Sudbury Road crossing. If the commission has something to say about that we should send a letter.

It was agreed the commission will send a letter asking for some kind of light to enable a safe crossing across Sudbury Road from Emerson parking lot. Jennifer will help with the letter.

Bob Andrews: I would like to look at the hearing accessibility at the library. The availability of hearing devices does not necessarily mean they meet the needs of people who need them.

Jean: The Americans with Disability Act sets a minimum standard and those standards don't necessarily meet the needs of everyone with needs.

Jean: Library parking is a particular issue with this group. We tried for two years to get the library to have on-sight handicapped parking and that didn't happen. That has left some of our members feeling short changed.

Emily would like to include our group when they are making long range plans.

Jennifer is going to write a letter to support cross light on Sudbury Rd. side of library to Emily and the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Transportation from Emerson emergency room to residence

Jean Sometimes Concord police will take people home. She will contact the Acton committee to see if they found a way to transport people home. If Acton did not get satisfaction, Lloyd will contact hospital and see if there is solution.

Eyesight issues

Lloyd asked what is available at Town Meeting for people with visual impairments. It was agreed that someone would approach Carmen Reiss to get this information.

Suggestions for working with Chamber of Commerce.

Lloyd: Some businesses cannot be compliant because of when they were built, such as Priscilla's. To work on this we must work one on one and cannot work as a group because of the Open Meeting Law. Lloyd and Jean will talk Monday.

Jennifer: businesses are tough because mostly the business owner is not on sight. How about starting with the Chamber of Commerce. Lloyd agreed to contact the Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer: There are two issues: attitude and physical barriers. Lloyd will start with Chamber of Commerce and then talk with Jennifer.

Jennifer: Can we put that on the agenda for next month?

Linda: It would be helpful if you spoke with Kellie Hebert, Disability Coordinator for the Town.

Correspondence:

Jean: I have had some emails from the Town Clerk's office and only Bob has been sworn in for this term. And we should do the on-line training regarding conflict of interest. Jean will end out link.

Next meeting Feb. 9

Meeting adjourned 5:45

Minutes submitted Janet Beyer