

Present: Jaslyne Agosto, Eric Gagnebin, Amanda Hsiao, Lori Zalt, Paul Carew, Scott Landgren, Elaine Ostroff, Susan Peters, Aaron Spelker. (Dev and Om)

Absent: Scott Lacerra

SUMMARY

Meeting Voting Results: Unanimous vote to appoint Scott Landgren Assistance Treasurer.

MINUTES

1. MOD Grant – Paul

We received the grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disability for our ADA assessment and transition plan. I will be finalizing an RFP and am hoping that we will have someone in place to work with us by mid-February. I will circle back with everyone in January with more information and next steps.

Best,

Jon Marshall
Deputy Town Administrator - Operations

Natick was awarded a Project Grant, which is different from a Planning Grant - what is the project envisioned? Amanda to send an email to Jon Marshall to ask for clarification.

2. Treasurer's Report – Aaron

Aaron: asked for updated Year-end financials in Excel – town gave summary level, and so Aaron had to repeat request for detailed transaction report and has not heard back from Michelle. Unlikely to be activity since COD has not spent money.

Lori: Going to pass this year for Ann Breda Scholarship.

John Townsend: was going to request COD operating budget increase from \$750 to \$2000. Lori said new budget is still \$750. Lori put in request for meeting with BoS about this. Lori said that Needham COD gets money – in addition to operating budget and HP fines – from town of Needham to do projects around time.

3. Assistant Treasurer Position – Aaron

Aaron seeking back-up (if he is absent) – Scott Landgren agrees. Unanimous vote to appoint Scott as assistant treasurer.

4. COD mission / bylaws – Aaron drafted mission statement.

5. Website and NHS update: Lori and Jaslyne

HOME page: ask Devi to include agendas.

EVENT page: Use calendar to outline – national events; link to other calendars; include our Zoom meetings here.

Google API – COD can create a google calendar. ncod@gmail.com

Eric will monitor.

INFO and RESOURCES page: Link to Paul's site – ADA Coordinator; Add New England ADA Center. Government agencies -

PEOPLE page: Dev said this is intended to organize resources via personal identification. Aaron – incorporate into Resources pages? No – keep separate. Info/Resources should be disability law and enforcement agencies; People – should be ways to connect with community/resources.

ABOUT page: put in bios. One page – all send to Amanda and Amanda send to.

6. Complaints and Potential ADA Violations – Paul

Paul: No new complaints.

Paul: Town is ultimately legally responsible for compliance.

7. ADA compliance class for town – Lori

Lori will talk to BoS when she meets (see above) about this. Examples of issue: will town provide interpreter for town meeting.

8. MLK event at Kennedy MS – Lori, Sue

9. NEW: Lori spoke with library – children’s library wants to create a sensory-corner for kids with autism. Library also wants training for ASL interpreters for story-time. And recos for resources - Amanda can follow-up. Also need to reconnect with Council on Aging – even though Sue is on both boards, Lori said we need a liaison. Sue will ask if we need a separate liaison – a town employee? Lori will ask to speak at next COA Zoom meeting. Sue will give Judy Sebold Lori’s email address.