

Present: Jaslyne Agosto, Paul Carew, Eric Gagnebin
Amanda Hsiao, Sgt. Scott Lacerra, Scott
Landgren, Susan Peters, Aaron Spelker, Lori
Zalt.

Visitors: Dev Das and Om Sharma;

SUMMARY

Meeting Voting Results: no votes taken.

MINUTES

1. Website-update – Dev and Om need more info:
 - Need non-stock images for the about section – e.g., Group photo of actual Commissioners.
 - Actual Text: Why do we care about giving resources to such a diverse group of people.
 - History of the COD that we find significant -
 - List of memorable events/noteworthy events.
2. Hosting the website:
 - Jay said it is not part of natickma.gov. But we can talk to Jay and ask him to reconsider adding it to our part of the town of Natick website that is already dedicated to COD.
3. Lori will be emergency recovery phone/email for our email: ncod@natickma.org.
 - Lori – can you please log-in to our email account and enter your phone and email. I cannot do it for you. If you need the password again, let me know.
4. Soofa Sign at intersection of 27 and 135 – concerns raised about accessibility. After our meeting, Sgt. Lacerra provided the following information after speaking with town employees, including Jay Poropatich, who wrote the following:

Q: does Soofa have accessibility features for people who have disabilities?

A: some specific answers:

- **visual** - the Soofa e-ink screen adheres to high contrast ADA guidelines for all displayed text (specifically, >4.5:1 for small text and >3:1 for large text).
- **audible** - Soofa does *not* currently have audio capabilities.
- **wheelchair clearance** - the sign's positioning does (easily) allow for the ADA guidelines >23" of clearance.
- **note:** the Town is currently engaged in an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan w/ an outside consultant, which will include all Town assets (ie. building parks, etc.)

Also, here's a Facebook post from this past week - [link](#). It includes a public response that I posted this past Monday 4/17 (inclusive of accessibility questions).

Lastly, here's a Soofa overview deck w/ more context, [link](#) (created 4/20/23).

5. MOD grant (communications/tech accessibility)
 - Paul will be in touch with John Marshall to get update.
6. Meeting with town re: ADA class/MOD grant/budget – Lori
 - Lori will call to re-schedule meeting with Jon Marshall
 - Lori also got confirmation from John Townsend that we are supposed to have an operating budget of \$2000 – this was approved – Lori will follow-up with comptroller.
7. Treasurer’s report - Aaron
 - No activity.
 - Balance remains at just over \$20,000.
8. SPARK Kindness collab – Lori

- Lori met with Michelle Moratta – SPARK wants to do a benefit concert and include musicians who have disabilities and COD can co-sponsor.
- Amanda mentioned possible event of co-hosting with SPARK a screening of the movie - “Lives Worth Living”. Amanda has contact with Eric Neudel – the filmmaker. For more info about the film, see:
<https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/documentaries/lives-worth-living/>

9. Complaints and Potential ADA Violations – Paul

- No violations
- Framingham COD getting a lot of ADA complaints. Lori is going to refer F’ham COD to David Correia at MWCIL

10. COA liaison

- Sue – can be a liaison. She does not need to be town employee.

Next meeting June 14, 2023