

NCOD Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2023
6:30pm - 8pm
Via Zoom

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

Absent: Sue Peters

Visitors: Om Sharma and Dev Devashish

SUMMARY

Meeting Voting Results: Vote on using operating budget up to \$750 max for Natick Days expense – unanimous (Lori, Amanda, Scott Landrigan, Aaron Spelker, Elaine)

MINUTES

1. NCOD Website – Dev and Om
Progress update: front end design is completely finished, and halfway there with making the back end accessible for COD members to change.

Domain: plan for getting domain name – Eric sent to Dev:
<https://www.natickcommissionondisability.org/>
Projected launch date for website: October

Preview of website:
Paul will provide Dev and Om with a History of COD
Om will create document (PDF) of website pages so we can review and edit and provide feedback by our next meeting on August 30.
2. MOD grant re: transition plan (communications/tech accessibility) – update from Paul and Lori

Implementation grant – John Marshall is applying for second grant to implement the suggestions made by assessment – due October 19.

Most travelled buildings/fields/trails/sites will be assessed first. (e.g., Town Hall, Library, NPD, NFD, Senior Center)

Closed Captioning for Pegasus: Lori says there is a grant available for closed captioning and she will reach out to Pegasus about this.

ADA town classes: Jon Marshall agreed it was a good idea – trying to think about how to format the class – in-person or Zoom? 1 day or 2 days? MOD can provide a Zoom class for us to host on website...more discussion on this after Natick Days.

TDD phones: Paul will call town IT director to get 2 phones – one for Clerk's office and one for Paul's office.

3. Treasurer's Report – Aaron - Received updates from Town on 3 accounts.
Operating budget (use it or lose it): historically was \$750 – we now have \$2750 (use for Natick Days' expenses). *Charge this account first when possible.*

HP Fines Account

In the 2023 Fiscal Year (7/1/22 to 6/30/2023 we incurred no expenses
The current run rate on interest earned on our balance is approximately \$30 per month.

Fine Collection from 7/31/2022 to 6/30/2023: \$4,100.00

Balance as of 7/31/2023: 25,196.79

Donations Account

Sept 2022 Lori Zalt Natick Days Reimbursement came from this account rather than the Operating Account. There was a total Natick Days Donation of \$73 on September 2022

Current Balance: \$1,585.34

Change meeting from 2d Wed to 3rd Wed to accommodate cycle of when Aaron gets reports from town.

4. Complaints and Potential ADA Violations – Paul/Lori
Lori: Nothing to report.

5. Natick Days (9/9) – prep

Banners (2): (stand-alone – no need to tape – available at Staples)

Cake pops (100): preferably use red/blue colors. Aaron's contact is no longer in business. Roche Bros- Lori will approach about donation of cake pops.

Photography: Jaslyne will take photos and we can add to our website.

Lori: Idea to run by Sue and Aaron – have wheelchair available to try; have interested participants try eating food while blindfolded.

Poster showing improvements that MOD grant will make – Paul's sister owns a direct marketing and might be able to make it.

Paul volunteered to give his shirts to students and get any for anyone else. Encouraged students to be present at NCOD table to introduce community to teen involvement in COD and encourage more. Students will email Paul with shirt size.

Meeting to prepare: August 30 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

6. SPARK Kindness update – Lori
Meeting with Michelle - on event targeting bullying – SPARK wants NCOD to help get flyers out. They are waiting on budget. We can discuss at October meeting.
7. Gateways in NPS – Aaron – keep on agenda for post-Natick Days discussion.