Foxborough Commission on Disability Minutes of January 16, 2019

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Charlie Hobbs, Jim Mullin, Sheri Barrett, Margaret Chaisson, Andrea Carroll, Nick Riccio, and Cindy Curran

Booth Playground:

Sue, Margaret and Debbie Giardino met with Jakira Rogers from the MOD. Jakira told them about a new playground mat material that was significantly cheaper. AAB approved the surface for accessible playgrounds in Newton. The next step is for Debbie Giardino is to appear before Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

Standards of Conduct/Civility Policy:

Everyone has either attended or watched the video and has signed the form needed.

Website:

The Town of Foxboro Website has been up-dated with the FCOD Agenda's and Minutes. Andrea and Margaret will review what's on the website and up-date where necessary.

Library Books:

Sue received a letter from Margie Rossetti stating they were able to purchase many books. Some of the stories included subjects such as Blindness, Deafness, Autism, Service animals and specific disabilities. Bookplates will be put in each book stating they were donated by the Foxboro Commission on Disability.

Boyden Library Accessibility:

Sue reached out to Manny Leite, Director of Boyden Library regarding making the library's equipment more accessible. The library already has large print keyboards and lighting. Cindy shared some information regarding equipment that is available for visually impaired patrons. A motion was made by Margaret to provide a second large print keyboard, second by Sheri. Motion was approved to pay \$50 for a new keyboard. Sue will speak with Manny regarding JAWS and a CCTV.

Accessible Parking:

Chuck Gallagher and Chief Baker updated the Town Warrant Article and presented the information to the FCOD. Commission members will review the information and ask Chief Baker and Chuck to replace "Handicap" with "Accessible" or "Person with Disability".

Wrentham Court:

Sue wrote a letter to the Wrentham Court regarding our concern for many HP violations are being dropped with a finding of "not responsible". She received a reply from the court and shared it with the FCOD. Perhaps in the spring Sue would be interested in a visit to the Court.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Andrea to accept the November Minutes, seconded by Charlie. Motion passed.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Jim, seconded by Sheri; motion passed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019@ 2 PM at the Foxboro Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Curran