

**Foxborough Commission on Disability**  
**Minutes of September 20, 2023**

Members Present: Sue Collins, Charlie Hobbs, Bob Siteman, Dave Foscaldo, James Houlihan, David DePizzo, Margaret Chaisson, Lori Capone, and Cindy Curran. Two (2) ASL interpreters were also present.

Absent: Scott Shippey

**Accessibility Issues:**

Scott Shippey was not able to attend the meeting due to a conflict in his schedule. He sent an update that accessibility issues at Dairy Queen and MiniMart have been resolved. Scott also reported that at Gillette the North End Zone renovations are all up to ADA code standards plus rumble strips that were damaged during construction were repaired.

**Treasurer Report:**

Bob Siteman reported to the FCOD about the receipts that have been received and he paid for items that had been voted on. COA patio and preparation for Pavilion floor at Booth Playground have been paid. He also updated the FCOD on any outstanding projects.

**Benches for Central Street:**

Sue and Bob attended a meeting of downtown businesses and they were happy that DPW will order the benches that will be placed along Central Street. Bob said that Marie A. stated that the benches have to have no arm rests to be accessible. Chris Gallagher of DPW stated that the 2 benches on Central Street will have no backs but will be flush with the buildings. This will make as much room as possible for pedestrians. The bench by Steamer Shed will have a back.

**Veteran's Agent:**

Sue met the Veteran's Agent Scott Blake ([sblake@Foxborough.ma.gov](mailto:sblake@Foxborough.ma.gov)). Sue asked if we could put money into his account to help with transportation costs. Scott explained that the Veterans have several organizations that volunteer to donate money to them. He thanked us but the Veterans do not need any financial help at this time.

**Council on Aging and Signage on Central Street:**

Lori reported that the COA patio has been poured and the seniors have been enjoying the outdoor space. Margaret wrote an article for the Foxboro Reporter about the new space. The accessible picnic table has not been ordered yet. Lori had researched signage along Central Street directing people to accessible parking as well as accessible businesses. Signs were going to be ordered but Bob stated that signs cannot benefit just one business and would need to provide signs for all of the private businesses. At this time, Lori will hold off on ordering signs until we get further clarification.

**Meeting Time Change:**

Bob Siteman had a conflict with the new meeting time for Wednesday morning. Sue made a motion that the FCOD will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday** of the month @10:00 am. David DePizzo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved. Motion passed. The next FCOD meeting will be Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @10 am. The new meetings are as follows:

November 16, 2023	December- no meeting	January 18, 2024
February 15, 2024	March 21, 2024	April 18, 2024
May 16, 2024	June 20, 2024	August- no meeting
September 19,2024	October 17, 2024	November 21, 2024
December- no meeting		

**Above and Beyond Award:**

The FCOD has chosen the teachers from the Unified Program at the Ahern School for the individual Above and Beyond Award. The program partners students with and without disabilities, similar to the Best Buddies program. Margaret will get the names of the teachers involved.

Cumberland Farms has been chosen for the business award. The manager, Karen Keating employs 2 people with disabilities. Sue will contact her to let her know about the award. Sue made a motion to allocate up to \$1,000.00 to purchase the 2023 Above and Beyond Awards. Dave Foscaldo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved.

**ADA Self Evaluation and Transitional Plan:**

Scott Shippey and Page Duncan are applying for a grant. They need to do an ADA Self-Evaluation and come up with a Transitional Plan. The FCOD will help if needed.

**Minutes:**

Motion to accept the September Minutes was made by Lori Capone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David DelPizzo. All approved.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Hobbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Foscaldo. All approved.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2023 @10:00 AM via Zoom Meeting**

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Curran