

**Foxborough Commission on Disability**  
**Minutes of November 16, 2023**

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

Absent: Scott Shippey, Dave Foscaldo, Charlie Hobbs

**Guest:**

Joe Sanders, a new resident of Foxboro, joined the FCOD meeting to learn what the committee does and how they help the residents of Foxboro. Mr. Sanders, also known as Colonel Sanders, has a child with Down's Syndrome.

**Accessibility Issues:**

Scott Shippey was unable to attend the meeting. He states there are no current accessibility issues.

**Benches for Central Street:**

The bench at the Steamer Shed will have a back on it and should be in memory of Jim Mullin. The bench in front of Foxboro Nutrition will be in memory of Sheri Barrett. FCOD is not comfortable with purchasing a bench in front of Subway with Mr. Patel's parents name on it. The Commission will purchase that bench and it will be in memory of Tony Williams. The town is in the process of making a policy regarding Memorial Plaques. We can get Memorial Plaques made at Cindi's Diamond & Jewelry Gallery.

**Central Street Signage:**

The FCOD received approval for placing 1 accessible parking sign for the Ameriprise Building, as well as for decals for businesses along Central Street stating that accessible parking is available in the Veteran's parking lot behind the building. Lori will order the sign and decals.

**Above and Beyond Award:**

Sue & Margaret reported that the ceremony for the Above and Beyond Award went very well! Sue stated it was very moving and feels this year was the best year yet because all the individuals brought their families. There was an article about the Award recipients in the Foxboro Reporter.

**Interpreters:**

David suggested creating a central interpreter fund for groups in Foxboro that would not be able to afford the cost of interpreters. It would give people with hearing loss a chance to be more involved in the community. David will get more information regarding other programs around the state and report back to the FCOD. Once the information is collected, the FCOD will present it to the town for consideration.

**Minutes:**

A motion to accept the October minutes was made by James Houlihan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David DelPizzo. All approved.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Curran, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Capone. All approved.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 10:00 via Zoom**

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Curran