

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Thomas Weinreich (Chairman), Michelle O'Connor, Daniel Robinson, Darren MacDonald, Joyce Stevens, Sabrina Chilcott (ATM)

**ABSENT:** Angela Sestito, Andrew Freeman

At 7:20 pm, Thomas Weinreich called the meeting to order.

Minutes of January 27, 2020

Mr. Weinreich moved to accept the minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting; Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Commission on Disabilities Meeting Calendar

Mr. Weinreich moved to accept the proposed meeting calendar for 2020; Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Update – Veteran's Memorial Park Project

Mr. Gulnick has prepared re-bid RFP documents that will be due on April 23, 2020.

Update – Town Landing Project

Mr. Weinreich asked if the current access mats in use will be used in a new layout or could be relocated to another town property; schedule this update for the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Update – Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan

Initial kickoff of the steering committee was February 7<sup>th</sup> and a full-day Community Resilience Building Workshop was scheduled for Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Public Library. This workshop will bring together community members to help identify and prioritize steps to improve Pembroke's resilience to climate change and natural hazard events. The community feedback from the Workshop will help structure the Town's *Municipal Vulnerability and Hazard Mitigation Plan* by:

- Understanding connections between natural hazards and local planning/mitigation efforts
- Evaluating strengths and vulnerabilities of residents, infrastructure, and natural resources
- Developing and prioritizing resilient actions for the Town, local organizations, businesses and institutions, citizens, neighborhoods, and community groups and
- Identifying immediate opportunities to act to reduce the impact of hazards and increase community resilience

Herring Run Park

The town has received correspondence from a resident stating they cannot access the Herring Run Park as the Phase One funded accessibility improvements to the culvert have been completed; the remaining ORAR (a continuous, unobstructed path that is intended for pedestrian use and that connects accessible elements, spaces, and facilities within camping and picnic facilities and at viewing areas and trailheads) are scheduled for Phase Two and are unfunded at this time.

Review the Schedule of ADA Self-Evaluations

At the prior meeting, Mr. Freeman and Mr. MacDonald indicated they would contribute to the larger evaluations and the twelve identified targets must have these assessments completed to prioritize the town's needs to apply for the upcoming year's grant cycle.

Quarterly Newsletter Update Status

Pembroke CoD News and Medical Equipment Program update drafts have been submitted; still need Message from the Chairman (Weinreich) and the Message from the ADA Coordinator (Gulnick) for final draft to be ready for approval at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At 8:30 pm, Mr. MacDonald moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Freeman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

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