

ADA Meeting Minutes 2/19/15

Old Lyme Town Hall American Legion Room

In attendance: Bonnie Reemsnyder, Cathy Frank, Valerie Goncalves, Stephanie Lyon and Missy Garvin

Meeting was called to order at 10:00.

Update on Staff Training: Valerie has reached out to the ADA coordinator/trainer and has not heard back. Valerie will touch base again and try to nail down dates and more information such as length of training, maximum attendance, etc. Once we get this information, we will set up training dates with town employees and park and rec staff.

Beach Wheelchair Update: Bonnie has put a hold on the publication of request for funds to acquire a beach wheelchair for multiple reasons. a.) once donations begin, the money needs to be deposited into the correct fund, which has yet to be set up and b.) Bonnie is concerned about the safety of the chair and the towns liability. Reports of beach wheelchairs tipping in the sand have been made. There is also concern over who is going to maintain this chair over the years. Bonnie suggested that we look into more traditional ways of getting wheelchairs to the water, such as a ramp. Valerie will look into a Mobie Mat which is a portable mat for the sand that allows wheelchair access. The question was raised as to if the beach needs to be ADA compliant or if it is an option. Missy will look into what other beaches within the area do and report on this at the next meeting.

Update on funding for ADA consultant: Cathy stated that the town has a public building fund. This fund was set up by the state 10 years ago and mainly consists of monies from land transfers. The director of finance and the town auditor have concluded that this fund of more than appropriate to cover the cost of the ADA consultant. Bonnie will call to set up the first meeting.

Next Steps: Bonnie suggests that we set up a meeting with the coordinator and the committee members to get started and make connections. After the report comes out, a 5 year plan should be established.

Minutes from the January and February meetings will be approved at the next meeting.

Cathy Frank called to adjourn the meeting at 10:25. Bonnie seconded the motion. The next meeting will be set up once Bonnie talks with the ADA consultant.

Minutes submitted 2/19/15 by Missy Garvin