

October 12, 2022, Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly In-Person Meeting @9:30am

Commission Members:

Bill Tolos, Chair	Present	
Marshal Haneisen	Present	
Dan Cunningham		Absent
Doris Matte		Absent
Carolyn Quirk	Present	
Barbara Slattery	Present	
Tiffany Wells		Absent

Amy LeBlanc attended the Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting.

Item 1: Reading of the Minutes Meeting commenced at 9:30AM. Minutes for September were voted on and approved.

Item 2: Announcements/Notices/Events:

The Canton Valley Re-Dedication Event will be held on Tuesday Nov 15, 2022 @ 2pm

Item 3: Open Forum: Sally Cragin, Councilor at Large, gave an overview of the pet therapy program, she was accompanied by Spencer, the cat.

Item 4: Accessible Art Project: Monthly classes are being held at the ARC of Opportunity, and the Senior Center, classes are limited to ten people, due to COVID 19.

Next Art (Holiday) show is scheduled for December 1st Thursday and December 2nd Friday.

Item 5: Revising the Disability Brochure: Discussion to update the Brochure and turn it into a two-sided single panel with just the key contact info. Checking into design and cost.

Discussion on what contact information should be included.

Special Committee was established on re-designing the Disability Brochure.

Item 6: Old Business:

- a. Handicap Parking at Anwelt Complex was reviewed for compliance. Parking lot has 93 parking spots, 6 are handicapped parking with no van accessibility. Tabled.
- b. Discussion of availability of funds for upcoming projects to include:
Accessible/Sensory Movie Day, Holiday Ornament Project of all abilities, funding to be provided at next meeting. Funding discussed.
- c. Caldwell Street handicap spots need curb cut.
- d. Crosswalk across Electric Ave., at Old Deerfield Road – Crosswalk at Electric/Deerfield - *This has become a very dangerous situation for a visually impaired resident trying to cross the road at Electric/Old Deerfield Rd.*

Item 7: Nominations/Voting for officers of the Disability Commission. Tabled for next meeting.

Item 8: Meeting Adjourned at 10:30am.

November is Epilepsy Awareness Month.