

# AGAWAM DISABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 4:00PM

Agawam Senior Center  
954 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001  
Tel# 413-821-0605

**\*\*Meeting Date Changed from 3/14/2018 due to pending storm\*\***

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
  - a. Present: Jean Carter, Frankie Mazzei, Deb Trudell, Mario Bonavita, Mike Squindo
  - b. Excused: JoAnn Balakier
3. Recognition of Visitors
  - a. William Clark
4. Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2018
  - a. Motion to accept minutes made by Frankie, seconded by Mike, unanimous approval
5. Treasurer / Financial Report
  - a. \$3,870.22
  - b. Motion to accept report was made by Frankie, seconded by Deb, unanimous approval
6. Chairperson's Report
  - a. Went to Stavros meeting along with Joann. During the meeting it was noted that PVRTA was proposing increased fees to their bussing services including a large increase to the ADA service for those living outside of the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of a fixed route. In addition to increased fares, the services would be cut on Saturday to equal the Sunday services here in Agawam.
  - b. MOD training was brought up at the Stavros meeting. West Springfield will likely be attending and possibly Chicopee.
  - c. Jean noted that she is trying to step back from attending some of the Stavros meetings as she has been doing for 7 years and was hopeful one of the newer members would take this responsibility.
7. Committee Reports –
  - a. Correspondence
    - i. Concerns of a citizen regarding Goodies handicap parking space
      1. Frank and Mike had gone out to look at the situation. During the visit it was noted that part of the space was being used as propane

storage which eliminated the use of space for parking and code compliance. Frankie spoke with the manager about this and noted that a possible option would be to turn the parking spot next to the island into handicap parking, which would allow them to leave the propane storage where it was, and use the current handicap parking as regular parking. This would keep the parking area to code without losing a parking space or storage. The manager said he would speak to the owner when he returned to town.

ii. Concerns of a citizen regarding Sabrina's handicap access and parking

1. After Goodies, Frankie and Mike stopped by Sabrina's. They did not speak with the owner as it was noted that the service provided by Sabrina's reasonably accommodated ADA needs through its take-out and delivery services. The services can either be delivered to an individual's home or brought out to the car upon request for pickup. A recommendation was made to the Town Building Inspector that they do need a handicap parking spot available. Building Inspector will follow up with owner.

b. Team meeting discussion

a. Grants

i. Castle Hill Condominium Trust

1. Frankie motioned to approve \$500 toward this project once MOD training was completed and moneys' were reimbursed after April. Motion seconded by Deb, unanimous approval.

b. Sidewalks

c. Building

d. Parking/ Ticketing

e. Public Relations (PR)

f. Playgrounds/ CPA/ Parks & Rec./ Schools

8. Old Business

a. Community Access Monitor training

- i. 3 new attendees – 2 from town departments and 1 from out of town.

b. Reminder that Disability Commission meetings have been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

9. New Business

- a. Mike noted that the COA was working on expanding the Transportation services to include additional van hours, as well as a transportation coordinator who would help streamline the service. One of the two vehicles currently owned by the COA is handicap accessible but is not the primary vehicle used for service. It is the intent of the COA to utilize these expanded services to help Agawam seniors and individuals with disabilities to have more opportunity to attend the center and to get to doctors' appointments without hassle, and at a more affordable cost. Currently the van service does not cost the riders a fee and there is not a reason at this time to change this practice. Donations are accepted.
10. Any other business that may legally come before the Commission
  11. . Next Meeting- April 11, 2018
  12. Adjourned at 4:39 PM

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