



Commission on Disabilities

Minutes
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
10:00 am

Virtual Meeting at <https://actonma.zoom.us/j/94313570425> .

Present: Members, Joan Burrows, Lisa Franklin (co-chair), Leslie Johnson, Pesha Kokis (co-chair), Franny Osman, Melissa Wingfield.

Also, visitors Kristen Guichard, Sam Gould, John G.

Review of February 2022 Minutes was postponed until April.

Franny reported on a conversation with the Executive Director of the Assabet River Coop. With present funding, the main floor will be totally accessible but the basement conference room and offices will not be accessible.

There were no Select Board updates.

Director of Planning Kristen Guichard told the COD about proposed changes to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) bylaw to be considered at Town Meeting. These changes were developed specifically with families with people with disabilities in mind. Changes relate to numbers of bedrooms; streamlining the permit application process; and size of allowed ADU's.

Asked Open Door Theater director Sam Gould about what we can do to support Open Door Theater's spring production of The

Lightning Thief. The show will be outside at NARA Park and will have accommodations for people with disabilities, as usual. We discussed transportation and ticket purchase ideas.

Meeting adjourned approximately 12 noon.

Notes taken post-meeting by Franny Osman and Lisa Franklin.

Acronyms:

CODA Commission on Disabilities Association (Mass.)

COA Acton Council on Aging

ER Emergency Room

TAC Acton Transportation Advisory Committee

SMOC Southern Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc.