

**Acton Commission on Disabilities (COD):** Minutes for November 18, 2025.

**Members Present:** Lisa Franklin, Pesha Kokis, Leslie Johnson, Melissa Wingfield.

**Members absent:** John Gianetto, Joan Burrows, Amanda Lodi.

**Also Present:** Anna Weinberger, Jim Snyder-Grant (SB liaison), Wanjiku Gachugi (Town Staff).

**Meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.**

**Chair updates:**

1. Jim Snyder-Grant will be leaving the Select Board (SB) when his term is up in April. He will continue to help us finish up the Member Handbook and the COD website before he leaves.
2. The State Department of Public Health has developed an online training for medical professionals about things to know when interacting with patients with disabilities. Lisa will send this information to Acton Medical.
3. We received an email from a resident about the train station. It was suggested that while the construction at the train station is increasing the size of the parking lot, they hoped improvements could be made regarding access to the train.

**Select Board updates:** Jim reported that we will be getting a new SB liaison after Town Meeting in May. At the train station, the train will be keeping the same entrance, and there will be more parking built on the other side of the train.

The town mailboxes will be changing to a new version of Outlook, and it will mean new email addresses. We will know more as it happens. The Town Hall will be completing ADA items, and the HVAC system is being improved, with help from a \$1 million grant the Town received for things like this.

**Listening Sessions being held:** The DEI Department and the Acton Department of Health and Human Services will be holding two listening sessions this week (18th and 20th) to gather information from residents regarding health and community. People who live and/or work in Acton are welcome.

There is a second listening session in the works with details to come, for people who have a disability who live and/or work and/or are a caregiver for someone with a disability. Leslie posted this information on the Acton Disability forum page on Facebook.

Wanjiku answered questions about the listening sessions, and she will send out the current flyers for these to COD members.

**Minutes:** We approved the October minutes unanimously.

**Public Concerns:** There were no public concerns.

**Project Updates:** MBTA - nothing to report. Kids on The Block Puppets - Pesha will call Amanda.

**Annual Report:** The members received the draft of the 2025 Annual Report that Lisa wrote. Any changes/additions members want to make need to send them to Wanjiku by Friday November 21st at noon, and then she will forward them to Melissa who will edit and type up the final copy.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.**

**List of Documents used:** October minutes, draft of Annual Report, and the view of the new Outlook set-up for town email.