

Age Friendly & Disability Commission  
Meeting 1

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Start: 11:00am End: 11:43am

- There are six members total: Connie, Jim, Jolene, Chris, Gloria, & Chelsea
- Appoint Officers:
  - Chair: Chris Harry
  - Secretary: Chelsea Saunders
- Chris: Lives on East Hill Road, is a disabled Vet retired in 2020, Doug the Service Dog
  - A Point of contention with him is the annex
- Review the Mission Statement; voted to keep the same, which was state written
- For the time being, no new positions; just Chair & Secretary
- Looking at the By-Laws:
  - Adopt from M.O.D. in 2019
  - Voted to keep the same by-laws, with room to change them as we evolve
- Meetings: First Thursday of the month, 11am, in Town Hall
  - Must notify the clerk 48 hours in advance
  - To reserve Town Hall, ask Theresa
- Eva handed out some info:
  - C.O.D. overview
  - List of Duties
- Everyone must take Conflict of Interest Training (every 2 years), LGBTQ+ Training, and read over Open Meeting Laws
  - Check specifics with Deb (Town Clerk)
  - Chris will check-in
  - Gloria needs computer help
- Chris will make a "Continuity Binder"
  - a place to hold all info, all tasks, to keep us on track
- Community Access Moderator Training; Chris must take, but others can
  - Good networking tactic
- Revisited Points of Business from last meeting:
  - Relationship with school; see data on disabled students
  - Sidewalk in front of Elementary School
  - Keep Town Hall (~\$4mil)
    - Jolene recapped a convo from Board Meeting 7/5/2022, about efforts to change/upgrade certain features, like doors; wants the specifics
- Gloria does not understand/have a grasp of the goings on of Town Politics (neither do I)
- Connie basically cannot go anywhere in town due to crumbling infrastructure and access barriers; sites sidewalks and library as two big examples
- Jolene wants to prioritize the efforts for Town Hall
- Chris wants to researching funding specifics
- Discussion on building relationships; all commissions are pulling from the same pot
- Restates the need to find more specifics on the potential upgrades discussed for Town Hall
- Gloria wants a cross walk sign at the intersection right outside the hall; she has to stand and flag people down so mobility aide users don't get hit.
  - Eva states on hurdle with that is that drivers can't see pedestrians until they are over the hill.
- Susan Overby mentioned as potential grant source
- Bring ideas, no matter how big, to the next meeting
  - We will organize into one big list, from small to large, and keep list consistently updated

-Rebecca: Library contact

-has been trying to write grants and make motions to improve the library for years; has been able to make some small changes, but slow moving

-Chris would like to make moves to begin creating those relationships in the next 30 days, making sure it is known who we are

-Would like these 'key people' to come to a meeting to meet everyone

-Sidewalks are poor on North Main Street; Jim can watch his step and make it, Connie can not

-Jim says one reason other than their quality is that property owners don't clear their sections, so objects like pinecones add more barriers

-Bill Cantell: Building inspector, has an office in the annex, also works a full-time job.

-Not much is known about him, but seems like a straight-forward guy who is on top of things

-This is a good mix of people to reflect the needs of the town, most of which is considered elderly, and many others who are disabled (including many who we might not know are disabled)

-Send minutes out following the meeting via email chain; efforts to also put it on our website space, which will be discussed as Chris checks in with the people mentioned above.

-Next Meeting is **August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am, Town Hall**

-Ends meeting at 11:43am