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Disability Commission

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

January 20, 2021

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AGENDA

1. Roll call of Committee Members
2. Approval of minutes of the December 16, 2020 Special meeting.
3. Any updates or action items that need to be addressed from previous meeting:
 - Update on planning of the next Informational Session with Office of Consumer Affairs
 - Update on posting of vacant positions on the Commission
4. New Business:
 - Guest Speaker: **Jeff Dougan from the Mass Office of Disability** will further discuss the Commission's role in the community. He will be answering any questions relative to the materials he distributed following the November 17, 2020 meeting. Those materials may be found in the following links:
 - A. **MOD Brochure of Services** – [LINK](#) – From our [Publications Page](#)
 1. Client Assistance Program (CAP) Brochure – [LINK](#)
 2. Community Services Brochure – [LINK](#)
 - B. **Establish a Commission on Disability** Webpage: [LINK](#)
 1. The information provided on this webpage discusses the process for establishing a COD in a community and how and what COD's can do if the town enacts MGL Chapter 40 Section 22G.
 2. Local Officials Guide – Best Practice for Establishing a COD - [LINK](#)
 3. Benefits of Establishing a COD - [LINK](#)
 - C. **MGL Chapter 40 Section 8J** – [LINK](#)
 1. This is the MGL that is adopted to formally establish a COD.
 - D. **MGL Chapter 40 Section 22G** – [LINK](#)
 1. This allows an "8J" COD to collect the fines collected for people illegally parking in accessible ("HP") spaces.
 - E. **Disability Rights Laws in Massachusetts Booklet** - [LINK](#) - From our [Publications Page](#)
 1. This is a great resource to have on hand. It provides a lot of basic information pertaining to laws related to disability in MA.
 - F. **COD Description, Bylaws, and Goals** – [LINK](#) - From our [Publications Page](#)
 - G. **ADA Homepage** - [LINK](#)
 1. This webpage is a landing page for all things related to ADA! Very handy to have bookmarked.
 - H. **DOJ's FAQ on Service Animals** – [LINK](#)

- I. **ADA Title II Action Guide** – [LINK](#)
1. This is a great, but intense, discussion related to the ADA Title II 5 administrative requirements.
- J. **ADA Checklist** – [LINK](#)
1. This is a very useful tool to use to see if an architectural element meets the requirements of the ADA Design Standards.
- K. **The Massachusetts Architectural Access Board** - [LINK](#)
1. This is the State Agency that promulgates and enforces the specialized state building code related to accessibility (521 CMR).
- L. **Tax Incentives for Small Businesses**
1. This incentive has some restrictions and only applies to for-profit businesses; but makes a great ice breaker if you are working with a local business to increase communication or architectural accessibility.
- M. **Disability Demographics:**
1. Disability Demographics (based on ACS and 2010 Census, produced by MOD) – [LINK](#) - From our [Publications Page](#)
 2. Disability in New England (based on model based definition of disability, produced by [New England ADA Center](#)) – [LINK](#)
- N. **Boston Center for Independent Living (This ILC serves Malden)** – [LINK](#) (All Independent Living Centers in Massachusetts - [LINK](#))
- O. **Massachusetts Information and Technology – Accessibility Webpage** - [LINK](#)
1. Statewide IT Accessibility Services Contract (ITS61) - [LINK](#) (It is my understanding that since this is available for State Agencies to use, this also filters down to the municipal level as well!)
 2. Enterprise IT Accessibility Standards - [LINK](#)
 3. Web Accessibility Standards - [LINK](#)
- P. **Project Civic Access** (Found on [ADA.Gov](#) Link):
1. ADA Enforcement by DOJ - [LINK](#) (Covers all DOJ Settlement Agreements with Entities. This particular item is separate from the Project Civic Access Actions DOJ has taken.)
 2. Country Wide Settlements – [LINK](#) (Project Civic Access Specific)
 3. MA Settlements - [LINK](#) (Project Civic Access Specific)
- Q. **MOD Fact Sheets**
1. Outdoor Dining/Seating Fact Sheet - [LINK](#)
 2. Parking Fact Sheet - [LINK](#)
 3. COVID-19 ADA Municipal Reminder Memo to ADA Coordinators and COD Chairs - [LINK](#)
 4. Guidance – Accessibility for Virtual Training - [LINK](#)
- R. **MOD Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program** – [LINK](#)
- Discussion of goals for the new year
 - Discussion of any possible trainings/educational materials, including educational campaign about handicapped parking spaces
 - Discussion of any other new business

- Public Comment
5. Scheduling of next meeting
 6. Adjournment

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