

March 13th, 2019 Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting
Located at the Garden Room, Fitchburg Public Library @2:00pm.
Commission Members:

Bill Tolos	Chair	Present
Mary Ann Guichard		Present
Sharon Tardiff	Absent	
Deanna Tardiff	Absent	
Carolyn Quirk		Present
Nick Carbone	Absent	
Doris Matte		Present

Amy Leblanc attended as a Friend of the Disability Commission.

Item 1: Minutes Announcements/Notices/Events: Meeting commenced at 2:00pm.
Minutes from the December meeting were voted on and accepted.

Item 2: Open Forum:

September 12th Fitchburg Resource Fair, Senior Center 4-7pm Commission voted to host a table at event. Amy will reserve table.

Church Event – Elevator was attended by an individual who questioned Paronishers/Guests if they really needed to use the elevator, asked if they could possibly take the stairs.
Bill is looking into this.

Rail Trail event at the Doubletree in Leominster tonight to discuss plans all are welcome to attend.

Item 3: Fitchburg Cultural Council Grant: Carolyn/Disability Commission received a grant in the amount of \$700.00 to conduct the Accessible Art Studio Painting Class for the year 2019. Very thankful to the Fitchburg Cultural Council for the grant.

Item 4: Accessible Art Studio Painting Class: Instructors Bill/Carolyn held the first class on Saturday, March 9th, 2019, at the Arc of Opportunity; the class was very successful each student left the class with an original framed/matted watercolor painting.

Item 5: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Accessible Coggs Hall Park Gazebo Project, Friends of Coggs Hall Park. Bill attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the project at the CDBG meeting.

Item 6: Old Business:

- Curb cuts - library sidewalk cut too steep, meet with DPW to see if they can switch out the curb cut to the end where the driveway meets.
- New members - discussed voting on roles, and for 4 more individuals to join.
- Building commissioner received time to appear before the Architectural Access Board.

Item 7: New Business:

- Host a Show on FATV: Doris would like to get the word out ref: Nursing/Rest Homes, concerning ongoing repairs, shelter in place, items that residents would be interested in knowing.
- Bill attended meeting at Leominster Disability Commission on Emergency Situations, Commissioners voted to go and view the Program in place in Leominster, Bill will get all the details. Commission will go as a group.

Item 8: *Motion to adjourn*, the meeting ended at 3:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 10th, at the Garden Room, Fitchburg Public Library, at 2:00pm.

