



WELFLEET COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

300 Main Street – Town Hall
Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667

The Wellfleet Commission on Disabilities met on March 9, 2023 remotely via Zoom.

Members Present: Kate Clemens, George Harris, Jim McAuliffe Absent: Fred Gentner, Rebekah Eldridge, Wellfleet ADA Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

The minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting were approved.

Old Business

1. Mr. Harris reported he will meet with the Town Administrator on either March 22nd or 23rd.

Commission members finalized the list of topics for the meeting including the following:

- Review and implementation of the 1994 ADA Transition Plan
- Preparation of an ADA self-evaluation grant as early as possible in the 2023 grant cycle
- Status of the ADA Coordinator position in Wellfleet
- Resolution of numerous complaints about the non-conforming ramp at Hatches filed over the last three years
- Ensuring that Wellfleet department heads understand and implement the ADA discrimination policy and grievance procedure posted on the Town's website.
- Potential use of fines for illegal parking in handicapped spaces by the Commission for purposes such as public education and information and the administration of needs assessment surveys

2. Jason Robicheau met with the Commission on February 9, 2023 to discuss his application for a license to operate a marijuana retail dispensary at 15 Bank Street. As part of the application review process the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) requested confirmation that Mr. Robicheau was "...granted approval from Wellfleet's Commission on Disabilities to operate a Marijuana Retail dispensary that is not ADA compliant...[and] If so...[to] submit proof of such decision." Ms. Clemons volunteered to prepare a letter for Mr. Robicheau summarizing the content of this meeting during which Commissioners clarified that the Commission on Disabilities has an advisory role rather than a regulatory role and lacks approval authority.

The draft letter was approved unanimously with the provision that it be addressed to Mr. Robicheau rather than the CCC, since the CCC did not request a direct response from the Commission.

New Business

1. Ms. Clemens moved that the Commission support Town Meeting Article No. 32- Community Preservation -Accessibility to Towns and Beaches. Mr. McAuliffe seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Harris will inform Rebecca Eldridge of the vote to ensure that it is recorded on the Town Meeting Warrant.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Next meeting: April 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James McAuliffe, Secretary

