

**TOWN OF AMHERST
COMMITTEE on DISABILITIES MINUTES
May 10, 2021**

Present:

Tom Roetzer (Co-Chair); Helaine Sanders (Co-Chair)
Councilmember Deborah Bruch Bucki (Committee Liaison)
Patrice Freeman; Chris Minkler; Erica Rodman; David Wantuck; Kathryn Barillari; Rachel Martin;
Barbara Robertson; Robin Brown

Resources: David Whalen; Luci Miranda

Interpreter: Karen Gambino, Deaf Access Services

Excused: Suneel Ram; Susan Zummo; Michelle Wild; Quinn Bushen

The meeting was called to order at 18:37.

Pre-agenda discussion: If meeting minutes are taken, no need to record meeting.

I. Minutes

- a. April 2021 minutes not approved as read
 - i. Changes to names of streets made
 - ii. First motion to approve: Chris
 - iii. Second: Rachel

II. Old Business

- a. Helaine: UB on the Green
 - i. No follow up at this time
- b. Tom: Senior Health Event
 - i. No confirmation at this time
- c. Tom:
 - i. Update on Amherst trail accessibility
 - ii. Two remaining trails to survey
 - 1. Nature View Park
 - a. Not technically a trail
 - b. No upgrades or accessibility construction planned
 - 2. Dann Lake Trail
 - a. Not currently fully accessible
 - i. ¼ mile vinyl panel trail that is accessible
 - ii. Parking lot is gravel and dirt – not accessible
 - iii. 4-6" lip from gravel to ramp
 - b. Future plans:
 - i. Install fishing dock/kayak launch
 - 3. Emergency phones on Amherst Bike Path
 - a. Signage needed to explain how the phone works
 - i. It is not obvious that you do not need to speak into the phone/hear a message for it to trigger a distress signal

- b. Check with James – Emergency Services
 - i. David Wantuck will send email describing situation more thoroughly
- iii. Erica: Intersection at Yale and NFB
 - 1. Tactile domes were uninstalled during construction
 - 2. Town Engineer was contacted and the intersection has been restored to ADA standards
 - 3. Luci: It has been noted that the tactile domes don't seem to be squared off to assist with wayfinding
 - a. Erica will reach out to Chris Schregel for clarification

III. New Business

- a. Multimedia Accessibility Project
 - i. All in favor to move ahead
 - ii. Bulleted list to highlight what businesses can do to make multimedia more accessible to the community
 - iii. Collect list of resources to reach out to for collaboration
 - iv. Targeting seniors/neurodiversity
 - 1. Not to exclude youth
 - v. Working Group: Erica, David, and Robin

IV. Closing

- i. Next meeting June 14th
- ii. Future meetings:
 - 1. August 16th, September 20th, October 19th, November 15th

Adjourned: 19:34
First: Tom
Second: Chris