

**Town of Dedham Commission on Disability Meeting**  
July 13, 2020 Town Hall First Floor Conference Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** John Tocci, Mac Sterling, Vicky Berg, , Ellen Conway, Ken Cimeno, Lee Jensen

**Absent:** Diane Loud, Bob Winston, Bernie Chirokas

John Tocci chaired the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Town is in the process of auditing the COD financial account. John T circulated a spreadsheet showing starting and ending account balances from January 2019 to the present. Ending balance for June is \$62,935.34. John and Ken were informed by Jane Lepardo that an additional \$6,605 will be transferred into the account which will bring the account total to about \$70,000. April deductions of \$4,252.46 were due to payment of scholarships, the credit of several violation payments and interest credit. The town is still looking into issues relating to the procedures for tracking payment of parking violation tickets and correct crediting of Handicap Violation payments to the COD Account. The Town is in the process of hiring a designated hearings officer who may be Joe Hamilton, who was recently hired as the new Veterans' Agent. Right now, the town receives report form parking clerk administrators on a monthly basis. The Treasurer's office reconciles accounts on a quarterly basis.

Ken to look into why interest payments seem to have dramatically decreased over past several months.

**Town Meeting/CART:** John reported that he had been contacted several times by Dan Driscoll regarding an alternative Town Meeting due to COVID. Consideration of an on-line meeting but that may prove challenging at this point. Dan indicated that the best alternative may be a socially distanced meeting at the High School field. He was concerned that proper accommodations for people with disabilities could be made and asked for the COD to become involved. John and Diane will be involved as liaison to organizers. Of primary importance is making sure hearing impaired and deaf can participate and that those with mobility issues have access. Diane will work with Mac regarding CART technology transfer and possible use at town meeting.

**Scholarship Report:** Vicky reported that we are offering five scholarships of \$1500 each. Three scholarships will include be awarded to Dedham High School students, including the Joanne Muccacchio and Tricia Whitehouse awards. High school guidance department personnel will choose the recipients. One scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from Dedham who does not go to Dedham High and we received two applications. Each applicant received a vote and Vicky abstained since she knows one applicant. She will reach out to another member as tie-breaker One scholarship will be awarded to an adult who is pursuing higher educational goals.

**New Business:** Mac Sterling announced that he will be stepping down from the COD. Unfortunately, he will be moving to Quincy and, because he will no longer be a resident of Dedham, he cannot serve on the COD.

**Future Meetings:**

August 10 (changed to August 3)

September 14

Respectfully submitted,  
John Tocci