



## TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building  
100 Maple Avenue  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398

### July 12, 2022 Commission on Disabilities meeting minutes

1. July 12, 2022 Meeting called to order at 7:03pm- Meeting members- has a quorum:
  - a. Lee Ryan – Via phone, Deb DelDotto- in person, Diane Burns- in person, Diane Tonelli- in person, Charbel Sakr – absent
  - b. Visitors –
    - i. Kim Monson
    - ii. Lisa Bascrus
    - iii. Staff present for Lisa and Kim
2. Motion accepted
  - a. Deb DelDotto yes
  - b. Diane Burns yes
  - c. Diane Tonelli yes
  - d. Lee Ryan yes
3. Review of Minutes of May 10, 2022
  - a. Roll Call Vote:
    - i. Diane Burns yes
    - ii. Diane Tonelli yes
    - iii. Lee Ryan yes
    - iv. Deb DelDotto yes
4. Appointments/Meeting – none
5. New Business:
  - a. Community Access Monitor (CAM) Training
    - i. Justin and Diane attended and completed the CAM Training (Community Access Monitor Program)
    - ii. Diane presented that the information was succinct and explained the difference in the AAB and ADA needs/policies. She also noted that as COD members that when AAB reaches out due to a variance they are looking for COD input. Justin added that the ADA violation is considered a ‘civil rights’ violation. An example of the one such is that when a past use becomes a new use ‘change’ in use which triggers an ADA review.
    - iii. Next session is September 13<sup>th</sup> – Diane Burns
  - b. Discussion of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22(g)
    - i. Justin explained that there is a fund that a town can establish related to Handicap parking, if they have a Commission on Disability (COD). In that any parking fines are directed to COD. This can carry over year to year. The commission and/or members from the community can petition to start the fund. The question is whether Shrewsbury’s COD wants to

pursue this. Additionally, Justin proposed that the COD also ask for a by-law override (amending the by-law) in handicap parking from \$100 as current to \$300. In that the fine would be split with general fund and COD. Justin added there could be tiers of fines, more if it interferes with medical urgency or another if it limits easy access. Justin stated he could create a summary and facts and add to the September meeting.

- ii. Diane Burns questioned does this increase the COD ability to choose accessibility improvements vs waiting on the town. Justin stated yes this would simplify the process/lessen the process
6. Old Business:
    - a. Update on the MOD planning grant: the Planning Grant (\$96,000) was used to hire a consultant to review the town functional areas and their policies. It had to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Only outstanding is the GIS (geographic information system) review of sidewalks and curbcuts. They will look at sidewalks to and from the public buildings.
    - b. Letter to Little Beginnings was mailed.
  7. Commissions Members' announcements/comments/phone log
    - a. Selectman meeting tonight is reviewing for approval a candidate to join the COD.
      - i. The two visitors, present at meeting today, were informed of the remaining slot for COD if they were interested.
  8. Town Applications:
    - a. Application for Transfer of License:
      - i. Seven Eleven Store at 38 Maple Ave- transfer of ownership. AAB issues from past weren't corrected. COD had reviewed this building a year ago and submitted. A discussion at the table reviewed Handicap parking, front ramp location/image.
      - ii. Information related to small business accessibility tax relief would be good to have on our website.
    - b. Application for License:
      - i. Terra Brasilis - moving into White City location. Request for application for seated dining. COD has no concerns/comments related to business accessibility and application
    - c. Application for License:
      - i. Town of Shrewsbury Pizzeria- Rt 20 /Stoney Hill Plaza Location. COD has no concerns/comments related to this application and its accessibility.
  9. Next scheduled meeting is Septemebr 13, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall
  10. Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:25pm - motion and seconded by:
    - a. Deb Deldotto yes
    - b. Diane Burns yes
    - c. Diane Tonelli yes
    - d. Lee Ryan yes

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Tonelli  
Secretary of Commission on Disabilities