

Acton Commission on Disabilities (COD): Minutes for July 15th, 2025

Members present : Lisa Franklin, Pesha Kokis, Leslie Johnson, Jim Snyder-Grant (Select Board liaison), Wanjiku Gachugi (town staff).

Members absent : Melissa Wingfield, John Gianetto, Joan Burrows

Meeting was called to order at 10:13 am.

Minutes from May and June were approved unanimously.

There were **no public concerns** .

Jim reports that he will be asking the Select Board (SB) to appoint Amanda Lodi as an associate member to the COD. He will also send the Commissioners a list of long term and short term goals the SB has that are related to our work.

Everything for the **ADA 35 picnic celebration event** at NARA Park on July 27th is set to go. To reserve a ride to the event, the person to call or email is Rosie Murphy. Her phone number is 978-929-6589 and her email is rmurphy@actonma.gov .

Jim has reserved a microphone and speaker from the IT department for the event. Roche Brothers will deliver the food and drinks we ordered directly to NARA Park around 10:45 am. Melissa and Jim will be there at 10 am to start setting up. Other COD members should arrive shortly after (if they can, depending on transportation).

We have also started the second round of advertisements for the **ADA event** in newsletters, The Acton Exchange, and the Action Unlimited. Leslie is inviting the Open Door Theater and The Miracle League. She says she has already heard from someone planning to go. One of the DEI interns made up a new colorful flyer about the event. Wanjiku will send a copy to all the Commissioners.

Travel training ... scheduled for September 18th, from 10 am to 12 pm. We need to start getting the word out about the training. Pesha will reserve room 204 at Town Hall, and get details from the trainer (Ethan) on what he needs and what to tell interested participants when we

advertise. The CoA newsletter deadline to announce this is at the beginning of August, for the September issue.

Amanda has done some research about the **Kids on The Block (KOB) puppets**, and will be talking to Erin Bettez about how Acton's Continuing Education Department might be able to help. She asked if anyone on the COD would be interested in working on this with her and Joan. Members felt unable to commit any more time at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

List of documents used:

May and June minutes