

Acton Commission on Disabilities (COD): Minutes for September 16th, 2025.

Members Present: Pesha Kokis, Leslie Johnson, Melissa Wingfield, Amanda Lodi.

Members absent: Lisa Franklin, John Gianetto, Joan Burrows.

Also Present: Wanjiku Gachugi (Town Staff).

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

We had the **Election** for members' roles starting in January 2026. Pesha will be Chair, Leslie will be the Treasurer, and Melissa and Lisa will be co-secretaries. This was approved unanimously.

The **Member book** needs to be updated, and Lisa and Pesha are working on it. It will include contact information of the names and numbers of members, and various Acton government departments. There will be a paper copy, a copy on the COD website, and an email version.

Town shelter planning (working with town departments to identify and represent the needs of persons with disabilities) ... Wanjiku goes to these meetings and said she will keep us up-to-date on what is going on.

Updates / announcements from the Chair: Citizen's Library ... there was a meeting with Maria Palacio (Director of Acton Libraries), Marc Dempsey (Independent Living Coordinator, MetroWest Center for Independent Living), and Alissa Nicol (select board liaison) about making some sort of pathway that is ADA accessible to get into the library, but we don't know exactly what type of pathway yet, and don't have a time-frame of when it will be done.

We unanimously approved the **August minutes**.

There were no Select Board updates.

There were no Community concerns.

Travel Training update: The flyer is out and you need to register for it (information on the flyer). It will be over Zoom on Thursday, September 18th from 10 am - 12 pm. There are 7-8 people already registered.

Oktoberfest: We unanimously approved to reimburse Amanda \$65 for the COD table at Oktoberfest (September 27th, 9am - 3 pm). Amanda will have a table there, and will be bringing the puppets. She is hoping to find people to help with those. (She will have the puppets in her possession/at her house).

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 am.

List of Documents used: August minutes.