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Stoughton Disabilities Commission

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Minutes from meeting on 2/23/2023

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Present: Charlotte Mullen, Ann Maderer, Michael Hardman, Allison Puliafico

Absent: Christiana Odunze

Michael Hardman made a motion to open the meeting which was seconded by Ann Maderer. A roll call vote was held, and all were in favor. The meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

There were no citizen's comments.

Michael Hardman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/26/23 meeting which was seconded by Ann Maderer. A roll call vote was held, and all were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Matthew Couchon, Recreation Director was an invited guest to this meeting. He shared with us plans for improvements to the basketball courts at Halloran Park. This project is currently pending engineering plans. Application has also been made by the Recreation Department to CPC for funding to upgrade the West School athletic field complex. Suggestions were also made to consider construction of a basketball court that would allow for wheelchair athletes to play. We also shared with him the research completed by Allison Puliafico for a wheelchair adapter that would allow an individual to traverse uneven surfaces such as the Story Book trail. He will research any liability restrictions with town counsel. The adaptor could be housed at the Recreation Dept. offices. He has also investigated options for make the Ames Pond beach more accessible. We will share the link to the Mass. Smile organization which helps to provide beach wheelchairs to cities and towns.

Discussion of the creation of bylaws was held. Michael Hardman is working on this and will have a draft for the next meeting. He will meet with town counsel to determine whether there are any restrictions or verbiage that must be considered.

In order to apply for state grant funding for the Self Evaluation and Transition Plan process required under ADA, plans will need to be developed soon. Charlotte Mullen will meet with the ADA Coordinator and Town Manager to initiate the process.

Regarding programming on SMAC regarding this commission, Michael Hardman suggested we might coordinate with Select Person Roberts as she has begun a program on SMAC to highlight various town programs and issues.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Hardman and seconded by Ann Maderer. A roll call vote was held, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023.