

Barre City - ADA Meeting May 21, 2020

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Present: Ericka, Jeff, Bern, Janell, Dena. absent: Hillary

City Council has asked ADA comm.. to work on projects, some policies, like making social media info ADA accessible

Bern asked about web access VCIL already has. Ericka said there are some guidelines for web, but needs to investigate the social media and city access rules for those.

Dena – suggests we ask Assoc of the Blind to see what they have.

Ericka concerned about any laws that may apply to any ADA compliance in this matter. She and Jenell will work on this.

City Council has asked us to help them develop language around mask wearing around people with disabilities who are unable to wear a mask, ie COPD, an accommodation. Ericka reports ADA Boston Tech ctr. Has no info, but suggests we follow CDC guidelines. (bern comment – other barriers – plexiglass shields etc.)

Dena asked about code - Ericka suggests looking up CDC guides and combines with disability accommodation language. Bern suggests that it could be good to explore any possibilities for policies that have been implemented. Dena will follow up with Association Blind with a call asking about social media & masks policies they may have.

Bern & Janell will help Ericka proofread policy as she writes it.

Walk signals – Dena asked about them, Jeff said the contractor was in last week, doesn't know what has been done, and will ask Bill to send us an email about outcome of mtg. Dena reported signals she knew to not be fully operational. Dena asked about

the crosswalk near NBM, and Jeff said, not official yet, but furloughs will probably go through July, so not much work on city streets/cemeteries year.

Ericka reports seeing street painting.

Janell working on Support Help lines toll-free VT 1-833-888-2557—reports that support line at Pathways and calling 211 may list helping groups. Janell reports people calling in to “check-in”.

Ericka reporting social media as an unreliable resource for people needing accurate info. People are told everything is on line, but not everyone has technology to access, and some are missing the one-to-one support. Much social media is confusing at best.

Bern wonders if we can expand radio access and PSAs. Many people had used library or public access to social media. Expand?

Janell thinks we can move forward in bite-size chunks. WDEV does community announcements. Janell has been acting as an internet buddy as well for those without access, helping with info.

Jeff reports Bill will send out email from the crosswalk folks. He left meeting. Thank you, Jeff.

Bern mentioned Barre Mutual Aid

<https://barremutualaid.recovers.org> or call 802-505-9110 for volunteers and people with needs such as shopping/med pick up/non-contact/tutoring.

Ericka has her list. Will meet with Janell – will send to Bern as another set of eyes.

Dena will follow up with call to Association of the Blind in the next week.

Janell and Ericka will work on Social Media Policy. 3 pm May 27.

Bern asked if this phone mtg format was OK? OK for now.

NEXT MEETING: June 18 at 10a.m. *Respectfully, Bern*