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Commission on Disabilities Meeting Notes

When: 11/8/22, 7 pm

Where: Town Hall

Committee Attendees: Gina Moran, Rebecca Griffin, Rich Wallner, Nikki Tosi, Marisa Morello

Visitors/General Members: Bethlyn Houlihan (public health survey consultant), Lil Hartman (Director of Human Services), Sue Tilton (Senior Center Outreach Coordinator)

Meeting Notes: Gina Moran

Agenda/Notes: Survey Planning Meeting

1. Proposed Transportation Committee for North Reading
 - a. Select Board in support
 - b. Given overlap in demographics, transportation needs can be included in the planned NRCDC survey
2. Addressing all households in town with the planned survey
 - a. Covers the age groups/life stages/groups we had previously outlined
3. Question topics and types
 - a. Bethlyn recommended certain types of questions
 - i. Mix of closed and open ended questions
 - ii. Ranked choices
 - b. Wording to address and respect variety of ways residents with disabilities may formally identify as such, or not
 - c. Questions brainstormed by town services employees shared with Committee by Lil around transportation and accessibility for town-sponsored events and town facilities
 - d. Considerations around questions that address both physical disabilities/challenges and developmental or cognitive disabilities/challenges
 - e. Question that attends to what homebound persons may need
4. January timeline
5. RFP overview/brainstorming of potential deliverables – Bethlyn will assist

Next Meeting 12/6/22 @ 7 pm