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Commission on Disabilities Meeting Notes

When: 12/6/22, 7 pm

Where: Town Hall

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

Visitors/General Members: Bethlyn Houlihan (public health survey consultant - via BU - Zoomed in), Lil Hartman, Gerry Noel, Lee Ferrington & Eleanor Alexrod (visitors presenting site plan concerns for the Northeast Metropolitan Technical Vocational School building project)

Meeting Notes: Gina Moran

Agenda/Notes: Survey Planning Meeting

- I. 7 - 8:00 pm – Northeast Metro Tech site plan discussion
 - A. Packets given out to attendees
 - B. Two-level campus & associated serious challenges for accessibility presented & discussed, including in light of financial issues (exterior and land issues - high elevation, cliffs, stairs, etc.)
 - C. Visitors associated with a concerned citizens group shared preference to move the site down to the current football field to prevent many of these issues
 - D. Options for anyone in North Reading who wishes to support changes in the site plan–
 1. View <https://www.nemtforest.org/>
 2. View [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition
 3. Contact local elected representatives
 4. Contact Judy Dyment, North Reading Vice Chairperson - j_dyment@comcast.net
 5. Contact AAB re: ABA compliance in question for this site plan
 6. Contact DESE re: their position on the site plan in terms of student experience and access
- II. 8:00 pm Survey Consultation - continued from last meeting - Bethlyn Zoomed in
 - A. Rich presents rough draft of COD RFP for consultant work to be submitted January 2023
 1. Discussion and suggested edits
 - B. Discussion of equity-centered design, anti-bias, and including folks' lived experiences in the survey process as paid input
 - C. Resource:
<http://mahealthyagingcollaborative.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Healthy-Aging-for-All-2020.pdf>
 - D. Bethlyn explains the usual costs and breakdowns of such a project when run by a public health consultant
 1. Timing depends on whether or not we need to present this at Town Meeting in June or not
 2. Potential to grantwrite for this project
 3. Select Board meeting 12/19/22

Next Meeting TBD