

# METUCHEN ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES from March 25, 2020

Meeting was virtual over zoom due to the Corona Virus.

Borough Council Liaison: Sheri-Rose Rubin

### Present:

Members: Jennifer Asprocolas (Committee Chair),  
Michael Geschlecht, Rena Kallman, Dave Kallman, , Wesley Brooks,  
Robin Brown, Gail Zelle, Krissy Cantin Garside, Pat Kay Audra Sbarra  
(Co-Chair),

Absent: Wendy Eaton

### Public in attendance:

N/A

### Old Business:

### New Business:

#### COVID 19 INFO

- Committee was asked to come up with ways to help during the COVID 19 crisis.
- Sheri is currently working on the #OneMetuchen project. The project and hashtag is to connect those in the community who are a senior citizen or in need with others. Volunteers help by calling the seniors to check in. Right now, there are 1,700 seniors in the borough
- Rena also suggested the state registry to help as well. This provides notice to the state to who needs assistance in an emergency. We asked if that covers things in addition to evacuations. Sheri will look into the specifics further.

- The project includes two website referrals “It Takes a Borough” which lists all resources in the borough or the senior center number for those without internet access.
- Audra also suggested to reach out to other groups for peer to peer services. This provides a similar means for people to connect and groups such as the MS society are currently doing this.
- Jen is using Telehelp with her school to help students and their parents connect to the internet and assistance with other services as needed.
- Robin and Gail noted that Saint Luke’s Church is currently offering virtual services and have been well attended so far.
- Jen also noted that optimum is offering 60 days of free internet to those students who are low income or are unable to access it. Xfinity is offering services as well.

## MISC

- Jen asked the committee what is their “why” or what can they bring to accomplish.
- Rena noted the importance of the American with Disabilities Act and honoring it.

Next Meeting is Wednesday April 22 at 8:00 PM either at Borough Hall or on zoom.