

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

March 3, 2014

AGENDA

Current:

- Approval of February 10, 2014 minutes
- Telephone and Office Report for Feb.

On-going/Status:

- Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion
- Town Hall Accessible Entrance/CPC Funds - Architectural firm has been chosen
- Water & Sewer Bldg. - Variance requests were issued and approved without the C.O.D.'s knowledge. The 3rd phase of the building includes accessibility. Barbara did walk through on February 14, 2014
- Progress of Town Wide Transition Plan - Waiting on word from Mayor Sullivan so that the commission can review plan
- Parks & Recreation - All items will be addressed by Tom Whalen & Nelson Chin
 - Christopher Reeve Grant Received for the Highland's Playground Shade System Status
 - Accessible Bus/Plymouth Brockton update
 - Highlands Playground/Missing Swing Harnesses
 - Charlotte Rose Playground - Status of removal of barrier around playground and update on walkway and HP parking
 - Water Wheels Beach Access Chair - Invoice
- Rt. 37 re-surfacing project/curb cuts and ramps status
- What are the plans for pool and rink at high school since management company has been selected - still in negotiations?
- Daugherty Gym/MEMA - update from Tom Whalen
- HP Funds - Review of revenue
- Road and sidewalk work throughout town - curb cuts and ramps - Tom Whalen
- Disability Awareness (outreach through articles, website, collaborate with SEPAC, Elder Affairs, Council on Aging)
- Advertising and recruitment for new board members
- Polling Places - Accessibility - Needs to be addressed with Town Clerk
- Handicap Parking Program - Fraudulent Use of Placard or Plate - awaiting Mayor Sullivan's input
- Richmond Hardware variance(s) request status
- Mass. Office on Disabilities/Community Access Monitor Program Scheduled for October 22 & 23, 2014
- Variance Requests - per Tom Hopkins from the AAB, ALL variance requests should be copied to the C.O.D. by the applicant

New

- Braintree Housing Authority - Awarded \$71,500 state grant for building and safety upgrades. Per Lauren Murphy, Exec. Director, money will be spent on safety upgrades. Will that include accessibility upgrades?
- Revised Parking Ticket Fines and Late Payment Penalties letter from Mayor

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MARCH 3, 2014
MINUTES

In Attendance: Barbara Tennison, Lynn Vaillancourt, Robin Torpey, Jennifer Shaw, Judy Coletta, and Paul Wasil

Building Dept. Liaison: Mike McGourty

Mayor's Liaison: Chris Griffin

Guest: Tom Whalen, DPW Director

Meeting Opened: 6:30 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:20 P.M.

Telephone Calls: 2 calls received:

- 1- Tom Hawkins from the AAB called in regards to Town Hall variances. Forwarded message to Barbara Tennison.
- 2- Sara Lovato called for Barbara in regards to the Old Thayer Library Bldg. variances. Message forwarded to her.

ON-GOING/STATUS:

1. Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion
Per Tom Whalen, walk through will hopeful be by June 2014. Entire bldg. will be accessible.
2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
Per Tom Whalen, architectural plans are being worked on and stated that the commission will be kept in the loop.
3. Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)
On February 4th, Barbara participated in a walk through of the building along with Christine Stickney, Tom Whalen, Russ Forsberg & representatives from Bargmann, Henry + Archtype for Phase III planning. The concept is to construct a small addition that will house a staircase and lift for universal accessibility to bring the public in from the rear of the building at the ground level to access the first floor of the building.
4. Transition Plan (TP):
Per Chris Griffin, Mayor Sullivan is reviewing.
5. Parks & Recreation
Per Tom Whalen:
 - *Will contact Bill O'Neill regarding Highland Playground shade system.*
 - *Will speak to Nelson Chin tomorrow regarding accessible buses. Chris Griffin will also be attending the meeting. Chris will let us know status update.*
 - *Will check equipment report & find out about the Highland's playground missing swing harnesses & make sure that they are replaced.*
 - *The Charlotte Rose Playground will have to wait until the weather breaks to either install ramp or remove barrier around the playground equipment..*
The walkway being installed from parking lot in front of tennis courts to playground will be fully accessible. Plans will be forwarded to the commission. The parking lot will have 2 HC parking spaces.
 - *Per Barbara Tennison, the commission would like to purchase a Water Wheels Beach Access Chair; will have conversation with Nelson Chin.*
6. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
Per Tom Whalen, they are still in talks with the state. He stated that Bob Campbell will be in talks with the state regarding this matter..

7. High School Pool and Rink
Per Tom Whalen, they are still in discussions. It will be fully accessible.
8. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:
Per Tom Whalen, work will begin in the spring/summer. There are no design plans yet. The commission reiterated that the building will need to be 100% accessible.
9. HP Funds:
Barbara received a letter from the Mayor regarding the proposed plan for new parking enforcement fines. The commission will address a letter to the Mayor regarding incorporating the plan sent to us by M.O.D. regarding plans that have been in place in other cities and towns to fine individuals who use handicap parking placards fraudulently.
10. Road & Sidewalk:
Per Tom Whalen, any work that is done with Chapter 90 money is HC compliant. The work is checked on by the State & if not done correctly, the Town is not reimbursed.
11. Disability Awareness:
No update per Barbara Tennison
12. Advertising and Recruitment for new Board Members:
Per Lynn Vaillancourt notice is being posted in the St. Clare's Church bulletin.
13. Polling Places-Accessibility:
Barbara Tennison will speak to the Town Clerk once one is appointed.
14. Handicap Parking Program/Fraudulent Use of Placard or Plate:
Chris Griffin will remind Mayor Sullivan of the Program. Mayor Sullivan will have to propose it to the Town Council and the Town attorney. Chris will do this tomorrow & let Barbara Tennison know of the outcome. Chris will be attending the next Town Council meeting in March & bring it up for discussion and review with the council .
15. Richmond Hardware variances:
Per Barbara Tennison, there will be door openers on all doors. Barbara still questions why there is a slope in the middle of the sidewalk path. Variance was cleared & approved?
16. M.O.D./Community Access Monitor Program:
The program is scheduled for October 22 & 23, 2014. No other update.
- 17: Variance Requests:
C.O.D. is to be copied by all applicants requesting ADA variances from the Architectural Access Board (AAB)

NEW BUSINESS:

Braintree Housing Authority will be using grant money received for safety & lighting upgrades. Barbara Tennison has suggested a walk through to inspect the accessible changes & progress made throughout the complex in the last several years.

Per Barbara Tennison, Chris Griffin will handle the issue of the revised Parking Ticket Fines program

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY APRIL 7, 2014



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NOTICE OF MEETING

In conformity with the provisions of Chapter 30A, § 20, Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby file notice that a meeting of the:

Commission on Disabilities will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014

COMMITTEE/BOARD

DAY, MONTH, DATE, YEAR

at 6:30PM in the Cahill Auditorium in Braintree.

TIME AM/PM

ROOM LOCATION BUILDING ADDRESS

Said meeting will be open to the public and the press as required by the provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Furthermore, below is a list of topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting:

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of minutes from February 3, 2014

Current Business:

Telephone & Office Report, 1969 Washington Street/Comm. Ctr., Town Hall/Accessible Entrance, Transition Plan, RockNGLide shade system, Townwide roadwork/curb cuts, sidewalks & ramps, HP Fines budget, Daugherty Gym, Charlotte Rose Playground, Parks & Rec./Accessible Transportation, Pool/Rink plans, Mobi-Mat Beach Access Chair, Disability Awareness Outreach, Access To Polling Locations, DMV Initiative/Handicap Parking Program, Mass. Office on Disabilities/Community Access Monitor Program

New Business: Old Thayer Public Library & Richmond Hardware Variance Requests,

Any matters brought from the floor

Citizen Participation

Adjournment

Signature

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