

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

May 4, 2015

AGENDA

Current:

- Approval of April 6, 2015 minutes
- Telephone and Office Report for April
- Budget/Monthly Accounting Reports/Request for Funds

On-going/Status:

- Community Center/Walk Through with Tom Whalen on March 14, 2015; follow up to report written by Barbara Tennison for recommendations to make center fully accessible and what are the MA regs or guidelines for lifts as opposed to elevators
- Progress of Town Wide Transition Plan - Meeting held on April 16th in Mayor's office
 - Town Hall Accessible Entrance - Christine Stickney
 - Old Thayer Library - Christine Stickney
 - East Middle School -
- Parks & Recreation:
 - Highlands Playground/RockNGlide - Status on Part and replacement harnesses for accessible swings
 - Charlotte Rose Playground - Status of removal of barrier around playground and update on walkway and HP parking and status of replacement harnesses for swings
 - Water Wheels/Beach Access Chair - Purchase Order sent to Access Rec LLC
 - Hollingsworth Baseball Park - Update
 - Highlands Playground - Installation of Shade System Update
- Rt. 37/state re-surfacing project/curb cuts and ramps status as well as on-going road & sidewalk work town is doing. High School grounds, access road in, curb cuts? Franklin Street entrance to high school sidewalk in need of repair? Pond Street, lack of curb cuts? Follow up to Nov. 3rd complaint with resident in wheelchair having trouble maneuvering through that area as well as the corner of Franklin and Central streets, tree roots impeding safe travel Update
- Town wide snow removal; streets, sidewalks, bus stops, business owners
- What are the plans for the pool and rink at high school since management company has been selected - still in negotiations?
- BEMA - Board met on April 22nd to put together further questions and concerns from November's meeting
- Handicap Parking Placard Program - Fraudulent Use of Placard or Plate - Chief of Police Update
- Housing:
 - Braintree Housing Authority - Plan for walk through of Heritage Drive Housing complex
- Town Hall lower level entrance door sticks and will not open on windy days and water continues to pool at the landing right outside the door on the right side of the landing
- Disability Handicap Indicator Program/Braintree Police - Update
- Audible signals? Lynn to work with Bob Campbell.
- Update from Crystal on proposal for Facebook page for commission
- Proposal to pay for signs to be made up for i.e. elevators out of order
- Home Aid Project (Snow Removal Project - New Bedford)
- Advertising of HP Funds to the community (Ledger & Forum)

- DPW spreadsheet
Working meeting on April 22nd to create presentation for Town Council, work on follow-up questions to Nov. 3rd meeting with BEMA and to come up with a design change for the board's agenda
- Request time for a presentation with Town Council
- Wheelchair Accessible Taxicabs Update

New

- Silent Call procedure for 911
- The Secretary of State – Election Division will be conducting an accessibility study of the twelve polling locations in Braintree the week of May 18th. Jim Casey asked Barbara Tennison to be available to walk through a couple of the sites with them on Monday, May 18th
- Voter Tabulator Demonstration (May 8th) for 2 tabulators the Town is considering to purchase
- Election Ballot Call Button - provides security and accessibility (attached)
- Voters with visual disabilities (attached)
- Create a sign for RockNGlide's weight capacity and purpose of ride