

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
JUNE 9, 2014 MINUTES**

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

**Building Dept. Liaison:** Eric Erskine

**Mayor's Liaison:** Chris Griffin

**Meeting Opened:** 6:35 P.M.     **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:44 P.M.

**Telephone Calls:** No Phone Calls

**Approved:** May 5, 2014 Meeting Notes

**ON-GOING/STATUS:**

1.     Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion  
*Blue Hills regional School has completed their portion of construction. The Town will complete the rest, hopefully by this Fall.*
  
2.     Town Hall Accessible Entrance:  
*Per Chris Griffin, no further update.*
  
3.     Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)  
*Phase 2 - currently working on windows and doors.*
  
4.     Transition Plan (TP):  
*Current draft is the first part of the plan. Recommendation: write letter to Mayor requesting timeframes, priority list and cost of work for each area identified as needing to be modified for ADA compliance.*
  
5.     Parks & Recreation
  - *Highlands Playground shade system & missing swing harnesses - No update.*
  - *Bus issue-Participants need special accommodations and/or an accessible bus will need to may their request with a 10 day notice; advertising and newsletters need to include contact info. on how an interested party can request special accommodations and/or an accessible bus.*
  - *Charlotte Rose Playground - HC parking & ramp are being added per Chris & Tom Whalen, still awaiting info. on removal of barrier.*
  - *Water Wheels Beach Access Chair Purchase  
On hold until meeting with Nelson Chin*
  - *Still awaiting answer from Nelson Chin as to why the RockNGlide is in a locked position.*
  
6.     Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:  
*Same issues are still going on. Barbara Tennison will work on assisting private citizen to file a complaint with the state D.O.T. It has been 2 years without any progress on having curb cuts/ramps installed or repaired.*
  
7.     High School Pool and Rink  
*Per Chris Griffin, still in negotiations.*
  
8.     Daugherty Gym/MEMA:  
*Per Chris Griffin, no update. The C.O.D. needs to re-visit inviting the town's head of FEMA to discuss the town's shelters*
  
9.     HP Funds:  
*Per Ed Spellman's report, the dismissed and unpaid tickets are not factored into the budgetary equation. That is the discrepancy in the balance.*

10. Polling Places-Accessibility:  
*Need to contact Jim Casey and Deborah Starr Helbig*
11. Handicap Parking Program/Fraudulent Use of Placard or Plate:  
*Barbara Tennison will find out about implementing this program by contacting Chief Russ Jenkins..*
12. Richmond Hardware variances:  
*Due to the high cost, renovations are not being completed per Ronald Boretti, CIREES, Inc.*
13. Mass Office on Disabilities/Community Access Monitor Program (Oct. 22-23/2014)  
*Venue has been changed from the Tufts Library to the Town Hall, due to space requirements needed.*
14. South Shore Fair Housing Forum, Braintree Town Hall:  
*On May 14th, Barbara Tennison attended Forum. It was a regional (Quincy, Braintree, Holbrook, Milton & Weymouth) meeting, letting the public know that they have joined forces with surrounding towns and to discuss overall goals for the FFY's 2015-2019..*
15. Monatiquot School Re-Opening:  
*Barbara Tennison forwarded to Superintendent Maureen Murray, the section of the town's drafted Transition Plan that covers work needed to bring the school up to ADA requirements. A copy was also forwarded to the new incoming principal, Donna Anderson. C.O.D. will follow-up with them mid-summer to do a walk through to make sure all suggested recommendations have been completed and meet ADA requirements.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

C.O.D. files are now housed in the Old Thayer Library.

BCAM/BELD - No closed captioning. Per Chris, the C.O.D. needs to send a letter to the Braintree Light Commission.

**NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY JULY 7, 2014**

**(RT 6/14/2014)**