

# COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

October 5, 2015

## AGENDA

### Current:

- Approval of September 8, 2015 minutes
- Telephone and Office Report for September
- Budget/Monthly Accounting Reports/Request for Funds

### Town Buildings

Transition Plan - Update

\*\*Town Hall - Update on suggested changes to Architectural Plans  
Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype, Inc.  
Town Hall Exterior Repair/Preservation and Accessibility  
Building Condition Assessment and Report

Old Thayer Library - Update

Daugherty Gym - Update

BEMA - Need to look at what other towns/cities are doing to combine lists of individuals with special needs and/or medical needs; reach out to the Public Safety Committee

The newly named Braintree Athletic Complex; received a copy of small scale architectural plans from Russ on 9/29/15

### Towns Parks & Recreation

Highlands Playground - Status on replacement swing harness

Conservation Land Access/Eaton Pond

### Streets and Roads

SeeClickFix App - app for a way in which residents can report problems around town, i.e. pot holes, curb cut issues and etc. or create spreadsheet for keeping track of problem areas around town

Snow Removal - On going

The Home Aid Project - Snow Removal for residents

### **Miscellaneous**

Handicap Parking Program - Update

Fraudulent use of HP placard and/or plate - Update

Disability Handicap Indicator Program - Update

Silent 911 - Update

Braintree Housing Authority Walk Through - Update

Advertising of HP Funds - Looking for other avenues of advertising; article published in the Forum, Patch, SEPAC website, C.O.D. website

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi - Update

Creation of Facebook Page - Status

Town Council Presentation Tuesday 9/1/15 follow up

Additional Open Meeting Law Amendment 8/11/15 – Board voted on 9/8/15 and approved the amendment to the Open Meeting Law which allows for Commission on Disabilities board members throughout Massachusetts to participate in board meetings remotely without the Mayor's approval. 4 – 0 – 3

Social Media campaign to improve accessibility in our community

ADA Coordinator position – Vote needed for funding the position: \$22 @ 15 hrs. a week = \$330.00 a week, with an approx. start date of Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, it will be approx. \$11,220 for this fiscal year (34 weeks). Also, a request for office space for C.O.D. files.

### **Elections**

Election Ballot Call Button – Update

Polling – Attorney General's Office/ADA Study: follow up with Jim Casey regarding the modifications that need to be completed at a number of polling locations by the next town election.

## **New**

### **300 Granite Street (Old Fidelity Bldg) by the Mall**

Automatic door openers have not been working for some time. The automatic door openers are not required by law, but Barbara did make a courtesy call to the Grossman Property Mgmt. company on 10/02 to get a timeframe as to when they would be in working order again. They think they have an idea what could be causing the issue, but they have to do some more investigating. They have determined that the power is getting cut off, but just haven't figured out what is causing it. So as of Friday, the doors were working again, but it most likely will be temporary. Grossman's will call me when they have determined and fixed the problem.

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation request from a resident of a condominium complex on Commercial Street for walk way railings. Barbara met with the Mgmt. company on Thursday, October 1. It was determined that the walkway the resident is using is up to code, there were no ramps, nor steps, and no physical obstruction for the resident to walk safely from the building to his vehicle. The resident was more concerned about what if he did happen to fall, how would he get up? The resident does use a walker.

### **Ivory Street Corridor Study – Visioning Session, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Town Hall**

#### **Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)**

How could the area around the Red Line Station along Ivory Street (from Best Buy to the RMV) better meet the needs of the town over the next year, 5 years, and 10+ years?

### **Town Council Liaison to the Comm. On Disabilities**

The commission's email monthly reminder meeting notices will be emailed to Mike Owens and Shannon Hume each month.

### **South Shore Plaza**

Sidewalk near CVS: structure blocking sidewalk and making access to the mall entrance difficult and impassable for "All". Complaint filed with Simon Management, per the construction company the obstruction will be dismantled.

### **Statistic**

By 2030, one in 5 Braintree residents will be over 65, per a study completed by the MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Council)