

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
FEBRUARY 6, 2017 MINUTES**

Board Members:	
Present: Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Crystal Evans, Lynn Vaillancourt	
Remote Call In:	Not in Attendance: Jen Shaw, Judy Coletta
ADA Coordinator Present:	Kristen Zechello
Town Council Representative: Not in attendance	
Meeting Opened: 6:06 PM	Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 PM
Prior Month's Minutes: December 5, 2016 – Motion to approve with correction, all were in favor	
November phone calls received: None	
Budget: HP Parking Fines Revenue as of	: \$ 52,547.00
Received request from SEPAC for donation: We approved \$250. for them.	

Town Buildings

Transition Plan: *Per Kristen Z. plan is now a formal plan, but not complete as of yet. No budget has been set. Kristen, Russ Forsberg & school superintendent will meet to discuss issues.*

Town Hall/Old Thayer Library: *No update.*

Daugherty Gym: *No update.*

Braintree Athletic Complex: *At Dec. 13, 2016 council meeting, new plans were drawn up. It is ½ the size & only one level. No fields inside, will still have pool & rink.*

Mass. Fallen Heroes Event at Town Hall, May 14th, 2016: *One special use permit has been instituted. A site plan by renter will have to be submitted. Bldg. dept. will address & sign off on it. Kristen Z. states there should be a handout with ADA information. Crystal E. will address this.*

Morrison School: *Elevator installation has to go out to bid. Installation can't be done during school session. It will be done in summer.*

Thayer Library: *No update per Kristen Z. She will see Jeff Kunz tomorrow.*

Renovation of the American Legion Bldg.: *Barbara T. & Kristen Z. attended Historical Comm. meeting on Dec 5th & stated that the options were good. They sought BCOD recommendations. One plan was accepted. A variance will be applied to make the front of the bldg. the exit only. The rear of the building will have the main entrance.*

Town Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Portable toilets: *All toilets being installed will be accessible.*

Status of order from O'Brien & Sons for the replacement of swings at Charlotte Rose and Highlands Playgrounds: *4 swings will be held in storage @ NELM Corp. The swings will be installed in the spring by O'Brien & Sons. There are 2 swings for each playground. Total \$3,308.*

Status of New Playgrounds at Highlands Elementary School & Harris Playground: *Bid received from M.E. O'Brien for both accessible & non accessible items. Still checking on hybrid items.*

Citizen Request for Accessible Walkway @ Sunset Lake: *Kristen Z. and Russ Forsberg took a walk through of the area and are going to request that permanent concrete walkways be installed.*

Streets & Roads

Engineering/ \$10M Capital Plan: *Tabled until March 2017.*

SeeClickFix Person: *Employee was hired last week. Barbara T. will invite to next mtg.*

Citizen request for a curb cut on the High School access road: *Much bigger issue, sidewalks are in disrepair. Per Kristen Z. this should be discussed at Transitional Plan Level.*

The Home Aid Project & Snow Removal: *Social Media & Civic groups should be used to get assistance. BCOD should only be an information portal.*

Citizen Complaints:

Corner of Hall Ave. & Washington St..

Complaint was made regarding the rickety ramp and threshold at Sons of Italy Hall: *No update.*

Miscellaneous

Advertising of HP funds: *Not discussed.*

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi/Uber/MBTA: *No update.*

Social Media Campaign: *No update.*

Community Preservation Funds-Affordable Housing: *No update.*

Citizen request for accessible routes for Braintree Historical outdoor events:

Kristen will look into.

(RT/BT 2/28/2017)