

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
MINUTES

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**In Attendance:** Barbara Tennison, Lynn Vaillancourt, Robin Torpey, Jennifer Shaw, Paul Wasil  
**Building Dept. Liaison:** Mike McGourty  
**Mayor's Liaison:** Chris Griffin  
**Meeting Opened:** 6:40 P.M.     **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:40 P.M.  
**Approval:** January 6, 2014 minutes.  
**Telephone Calls:** No telephone calls.

**ON-GOING/STATUS:**

**Tom Whalen, DPW Director and Nelson Chin, Parks & Rec. Director to attend March 3, 2014 meeting.**

1. Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion  
*Per Barbara Tennison, Blue Hills Regional High School still working on renovation*
2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:  
Still awaiting the Mayor's decision on architectural firm for drawings
3. Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)  
*Barbara Tennison spoke with Christine Stickney, plans are going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase. The C.O.D. was unaware of the renovations that were being proposed.*
4. Transition Plan (TP):  
*Per Chris Griffin, no update.*
5. Shade System for the Rock'N Ship Glider at the Highlands Playground:  
*Tabled for Tom Whalen, DPW Director at March meeting*
6. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:  
*Tabled for Tom Whalen at March meeting.*
7. High School Pool and Rink  
*Per Chris Griffin, has to be beneficial for both the Town & developer in order to proceed. Still in negotiations..*
8. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:  
*Tabled for Tom Whalen at March meeting*
9. Parks and Recreation Accessible Transportation:  
*Tabled for Tom Whalen/Nelson Chin at March meeting*
10. Mobi-Chair/Town Purchase status:  
*Tabled for Tom Whalen/Nelson Chin at March meeting*

11. Charlotte Rose Playground Barrier Issue:  
*Tabled for Tom Whalen/Nelson Chin at March meeting*
13. Highlands Park Swings: missing harnesses  
*Tabled for Tom Whalen/Nelson Chin at March meeting*
14. HP Funds-Review of Revenue:  
*Report updated through January, 2014. Jennifer Shaw created a Power Point to include past years' purchases.*
15. Town-wide Road and Sidewalk work:  
*To be discussed with Tom Whalen at March meeting.*
16. Advertising and Recruitment for new Board Members:  
*Lynn Vaillancourt shared the notice that will be placed in the St. Claire's Church bulletin.*
17. Polling Places Accessibility:  
*Chris Griffin stated that the issues will be addressed before the Primary Election. Barbara Tennison expressed concern in waiting for the next election, the issues need be addressed as soon as possible. Chris Griffin recommended that we speak with the Town Clerk who oversees elections.*
18. Handicap Parking Program/Fraudulent Use of Placard or Plate:  
*Chris Griffin did not have the opportunity to speak with Mayor Sullivan in regards to this matter.*
19. Richmond Hardware Variance - *emailed Tom Hopkins*  
*Barbara Tennison followed up with Tom Hopkins from AAB regarding the lack of notice on the variance request. The individuals applying for variances are responsible in sending a copy of their application request to the C.O.D.*
20. Mass. Office on Disabilities/Community Access Monitor Program  
*The C.O.D. will be hosting this event at the Thayer Public Library on October 22 & 23, 2014 C.O.D. members interested in participating in the program can be reimbursed for the fee (tbd). More details to follow.*

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY MARCH 3, 2014**

(RT 2/26/2014)