

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
MARCH 2, 2015 MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Paul Wasil, Judy Coletta,  
Lynn Vaillancourt, Crystal Evans-Pradhan.

**Building Dept. Liaison:** Jack Gauthier

**Mayor's Assistant:** Chris Griffin

**Meeting Opened:** 6:31 P.M.    **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:07 P.M.

**Telephone Calls:** None

**Approved:** January 5, 2015 Meeting Notes

**Budget:** Per Barbara Tennison budget stands at \$27,477.96.

**ON-GOING/STATUS:**

Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion:

*Anticipated May 2015 opening.*

*Town Hall Accessible Entrance*

*No updates*

Water & Sewer Bldg (Old Thayer Library):

*No updates*

*Progress of town wide Transition Plan*

*Awaiting word from the Mayor as when the next meeting will be*

*Parks & Recreation:*

*-RockNGlide: No update on installation of part for the RockNGlide*

*- Charlotte Rose Playground : On-going project for barrier to be removed, walkway to be constructed, and swing harness replacements*

*- Hollingsworth Playground: Playground officially opened on Nov. 28, 2014*

*Barbara & Tom intend to do a walk through in the spring*

High School Pool and Rink:

*Still out to bid*

Daugherty Gym/BEMA:

*The commission still needs to review the information that was handed out to them as well as discuss next steps with respect to our concerns for the special needs population in the town when disaster happens.*

Handicap Parking Program/Fraudulent Use of Placard or Plate

*No update*

Braintree Housing Authority - Plan for walk through of Heritage Drive Housing Complex -

*Hope to schedule walk through some time in Spring*

Town Hall Lower Level Door:

*Per Jack Gauthier, the door opener button has to be pressed exactly in the center in order for it to open the door. People push it from the side & it will not open. Chris Griffin suggested having the button removed and checked on an on-going basis to make sure it is working properly at all times.*

Disability Handicap Indicator Program/Braintree Police

*Per Chris Griffin, Police Officer Jamie Mosseou is the liaison for this program. Barbara will contact him.*

Audible Signals:

*Lynn to reach out to Bob Campbell for more information regarding installing more audible signals at major intersections throughout Braintree*

Facebook Page for Commission:

*Per Crystal Evans-Pradhan, there is no update*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Snow Removal  
*Crystal Evans-Pradhan has been out shoveling sidewalks & has received alot of volunteer help as well. DPW is doing the best it can.*  
*Jack G. mentioned that the businesses are issued fines by the Building Inspector's Office for not properly removing snow from the areas in and around their businesses.*
- Town Hall Elevator Repair:  
*Per Chris Griffin, it has been repaired.*
- Ridge at Blue Hills Apt. Complaint:  
*Barbara Tennison has not heard back from the tenant after reaching out to her to let her know that Russ Forsberg had sent a letter to Management at the Ridge at Blue Hills.*
- Home Aid Project:  
*Tabled*
- Suggestion of an article be written for the newspapers advertising that the Commission would like to inform the residents of the Town of Braintree that there is available funding for those in need of financial assistance to improve, update, or create inclusive accessibility within the town.

**NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015**

(BT 4/4/15)