

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
JUNE 1, 2015 MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

**Board members:** Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Judy Coletta,  
Lynn Vaillancourt, Crystal Evans-Pradhan, Jennifer Shaw

**Building Dept. Liaison:** Mike McGourty

**Mayor's Liaison:** Chris Griffin

**Meeting Opened:** 6:06 PM      **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45 PM

**Approved:** May meeting notes- Motion to approve 6:0:0

**May Phone Calls Received:** None

**HP Funds Account Balance:** Not updated

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**Town Buildings:**

**Transition Plan:** Per Barbara Tennison, no update. Barbara invited Christine Stickney to attend the board's July 6, 2015 meeting

**Town Hall:** Per Christine Stickney, plans have to be revised again. They are trying to create a campus like area between the Old Thayer Library and the Town Hall

**Old Thayer Library:** No update

**Daugherty Gym:** No update

**Town Hall Basement Entrance:** Per Mike McGourty, it is not up to code and at this point will not be addressed until the Town Hall is modified

**BEMA:** On hold. Need to organize lists from BEMA, Fire Dept. & Police?

**New Pool/Rink** Per Chris Griffin, the complex has been approved and will be known as the Braintree Sports Complex and will be fully accessible; skating rinks, pool, basketball courts, and indoor baseball diamond, seating, bathrooms, locker rooms. The board requested to see the plans.

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**Town Parks & Recreation:**

Charlotte Rose Playground: Per Chris Griffin, a ramp is being installed as opposed to removing the barrier which holds the wood chips in place

Highlands Playground: Per Nelson Chin, the RockNGLide part was defective & will now have to be replaced. Swing harnesses have not been installed

Hollingsworth Playground: Jennifer Shaw to walk through this weekend.

Water Wheels/Beach: Chair was delivered to Town Hall last week

Sign for purpose of RockNGLide: No update

**Streets and Roads:**

The board would like to create and maintain a spreadsheet for new items/issues, timelines, and who was contacted and date. Also looking into ClickFix app.

Audible signals: Per Lynn Vaillancourt the chirper & the voice activation cannot be installed together at one signal, it's either or

Snow Removal: No update

The Home Aid Project: No update

**Miscellaneous:**

Handicap Parking Program: Barbara Tennison will speak to Police Chief Jenkins.  
Fraudulent use of HP placard: Barbara Tennison will speak to Police Chief Jenkins  
Disability Handicap Indicator Program: Barbara Tennison will speak to Police Chief Jenkins  
Silent 911: Barbara Tennison will speak to Police Chief Jenkins

Braintree Housing Authority: No update

Advertising of HP Funds: C.O.D. website, Forum and Patch.

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi: No update

Town Council Presentation: Presentation has been rescheduled to August 11, 2015

Signs for "out of order" elevators: No update

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**Miscellaneous Continued:**

Facebook Page: Permission from the town is needed before we proceed. Crystal Evans-Pradhan will work on creating the page

Legal Seafood door adjustment: Mike McGourty will follow-up with Paul Wasil, as door issue continues to be an issue especially during the winter months.

**Voting:**

Secretary of State Accessibility Study: Awaiting final report from Jim Casey

Voter Tabulation Demonstration: No one attended demonstration

Election Ballot Call Button: Waiting for an official request to purchase from Jim Casey.

**New Business:**

Collaboration with Reeve Foundation Peer And Family Support Program Information: Information has been posted on C.O.D. website

Conservation/Eaton Pond: Crystal has been working with the Conservation committee members to ensure that the access to this land is fully accessible

ClickFix App: The app use to be something the town used. Chris will look into whether it is something the town is willing to reinstitute

Building Dept. Permit Training: Jennifer Shaw volunteered to attend

Library parking lot – curb blocking curb cut: Mike McGourty will have it fixed

**NEXT MEETING OF C.O.D. WILL BE JULY 6, 2015**

(RST/BT 7/1/2015)