

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
JULY 6, 2015 MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Board members: Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Judy Coletta,
Lynn Vaillancourt, Crystal Evans-Pradhan, Jennifer Shaw
Building Dept. Liaison: Jack Gauthier
Mayor's Liaison: Absent
Meeting Opened: 6:00PM **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45PM
Approved: June meeting notes: Motion to Approve 6-0
June Phone Calls Received: No calls

Town Buildings:

Transition Plan: Still awaiting final approval for a working document; budget, funding sources, timeline, priority list

Town Hall/Old Thayer Library: Christine Stickney presented plans for both the Old Thayer library & the town hall being connected by a campus. Christine listened to our recommendations & concerns regarding the length and grade of the route from the HP parking area to the entrance to the town hall. Christine stated that she would go back to the architect and see if there are any modifications that can be done within the route to shorten the distance

Daugherty Gym: No update

BEMA: No update

Braintree (Sports) Athletic Complex Plans are still being developed, the commission will contact the developer to make sure we are kept in the loop and available to review architectural plans

Building Dept. Permit Training: Jennifer Shaw attended training. She stated that Russ Forsberg wants to hold a separate meeting with C.O.D. to get more input for what is needed for permits to be done correctly

Town Parks & Recreation:

Charlotte Rose Playground:	Barrier was not removed; but an opening was installed to allow for accessibility
Highlands Playground:	No update
Hollingsworth Playground:	No update
Water Wheels Beach Chair:	Per Nelson Chin, lifeguard stated that it hasn't been used yet. But Crystal had heard that there have been inquiries into its use
Conservation Land/Eaton Pond	Crystal has been working with the Conservation committee members to ensure that the access to this land is fully accessible

Streets and Roads:

Snow Removal:	No update
The Home Aid Project:	No update
ClickFix App	Awaiting update from Chris

Miscellaneous:

Handicap Parking Program	No update
Fraudulent use of HP placard	No update
Disability Handicap Indicator Program	No update
Silent 911 Status Update	No update
Braintree Housing Authority	No update
Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	No update
Town Council Meeting Presentation	Moved to August 11, 2015
Facebook	Crystal is creating a page. Board needs to request approval from the Mayor to use Town Logo and page
Legal Seafood Door	Door was adjusted on June 2nd

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Voting:

The Secretary of State Election Division
Accessibility Study

Jim Casey shared the report via his own report.
Jim Casey is working with Tom Whalen to make
sure all polling locations identified as needing
updates or modifications are completed by Sept.'s
election.

Voter Tabulation Demonstration

No one attended

Election Ballot Call Button:

Waiting for an official request from Jim Casey
before we vote to purchase equipment.

New Business:

Thayer Library curb that was blocking ramp was fixed on June 2, 2015

The C.O.D. received a copy of an AAB complaint regarding the Hancock/Frederick Street
intersection that is barring anyone in a wheelchair to safely travel during road construction. Curb
cuts and ramps were temporarily installed, but did not meet code and made it unsafe to travel for
anyone in a wheelchair or a walker not paying attention to the ramp that cuts into the sidewalk

Thayer Library Complaint: the accessible printer station on main floor was moved to an area
which makes the printer harder to access for anyone with the inability to reach it. Barbara
Tennison spoke to the Director of the Library, Terri Spano. Terri is working with Barbara to make
the printer station area more accessible to all.

September's meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 1st, due to the Monday holiday 6-0

C.O.D. monthly meetings will be begin at 6:00 P.M officially on August 3rd 6-0

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 3, 2015-JOHNSON HALL

(RST/BT 7/13/2015)