

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
JULY 7, 2014 MINUTES**

In Attendance: Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Judy Coletta, Jennifer Shaw, Lynn Vaillancourt
Building Dept. Liaison: Mike McGourty
Mayor's Assistant: Absent
Meeting Opened: 6:32 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55 P.M.
Telephone Calls: No Phone Calls
Approved: June 9, 2014 Meeting Notes

ON-GOING/STATUS:

1. Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion
No updates on completion.

2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
No updates.

3. Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)
Per Christine Stickney, if restrooms can be completed within the budget, a variance will not be necessary. It is being put out to bid.

4. Transition Plan (TP):
No update.

5. Parks & Recreation
Invitation was extended to Nelson Chin to attend meeting updating the C.O.D. on the following issues: unable to attend
 - *Christopher Reeve Grant- the Highland's Playground shade system per Barbara Mello, delivery is expected in approximately 6 weeks*
 - *Missing swing harness - per Nelson via email, harnesses were installed by DPW last week.*
 - *Transportation - Articles and publications regarding accessible buses still do not include wording letting the public know that an accessible bus can be requested for out of town Parks & Recreation trips*
 - *Charlotte Rose Playground- No update*
 - *Water Wheels Beach Access Chair- Awaiting updated quote*

6. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
Barbara Tennison wrote a letter to the State requesting an update. They responded, requesting information as to where the worst areas were along Rt. 37, so they can be addressed first..
It was stated that the project is extremely long & they want to handle the worst areas first.

7. High School Pool and Rink
Per Mike McGourty, there is no update..

8. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:
Per Mike McGourty, there is no update.

9. Polling Places-Accessibility:
Barbara Tennison and the interim Town Clerk, Debra Helbig will meet to review plan to look at polling locations..

10. Handicap Parking Program/Fraudulent Use of Placard or Plate:
There is no update.

11. Mass Office on Disabilities/Community Access Monitor Program (Oct. 22-23/2014)
No update.
12. Monatiquot School - Kindergarten Center Opening:
No update
13. Braintree Housing Authority-Planned walk through of Heritage Drive Housing.
No update
14. BCAM/BELD - Closed Caption is not available for the Braintree Public Access TV programs:
It was stated that it would be too costly & someone would have to be hired to transcribe the programs to cc. It also would be difficult to do, as some of the programs are a live feed. We are checking with M.O.D. on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hollingsworth Baseball Park- Per Barbara Mello a new playground will be built where the old one was located. Funds have been obtained via a grant. Barbara attended the meeting to review plans and to ask for our input regarding equipment and surface.

Town Hall lower level automatic door switch is broken. We will follow up to make sure it is repaired in a timely fashion.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2014

(RT 7/26/2014)