

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AUGUST 3, 2015 MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board members:

Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Judy Coletta,
Crystal Evans-Pradhan, Jennifer Shaw

Building Dept. Liaison:

Mike McGourty

Mayor's Liaison:

Chris Griffin

Meeting Opened:

6:05 PM

Meeting Adjourned:

7:00 PM

Approved:

July meeting notes: Motion to Approve 4-0

July Phone Calls Received:

2 calls:

1. Braintree resident left message regarding the road construction and the inability to travel safely along the sidewalk at Frederick & Hancock streets. The resident was upset that there had not been any notice in the Forum to let residents know that that area would be under road and sidewalk construction and the fact that there was not a temporary route installed as well. The resident asked for Barbara. Barbara returned the call to let the resident know that she had contacted the Engineering Dept., but at that point the resident had decided to file a complaint with the Architectural Access Board (AAB).
2. Bob Acardi from the Braintree Forum left a message regarding the possibility of a board member willing to be interviewed for the "Meet your Neighbor" column. Message was forwarded onto Barbara.

Town Buildings:

Transition Plan:

Meeting with the Mayor scheduled for Aug. 5th

Town Hall/Old Thayer Library:

Meeting with the Mayor scheduled for Aug. 5th

Daugherty Gym:

No update

BEMA:

No update

Braintree Athletic Complex

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Town Parks & Recreation:

Highlands Playground:	Barbara spoke with Nelson Chin. Part has been delivered and Nelson has been waiting on a specific DPW employee to install the part.
Hollingsworth Playground:	No update
Creation of sign for the RockNGlide	Tabled, as RockNGlide is still not working
Conservation Land/Eaton Pond	Per Crystal Evans-Pradhan, an information kiosk is being built
Swings harnesses for the special needs swings are missing at the Highlands, Charlotte Rose & Hollis playgrounds	Nelson Chin is looking into a way in which to secure the harnesses so that they are not removed.

Streets and Roads:

Snow Removal:	No update
The Home Aid Project:	No update
ClickFix App:	Chris Griffin will look into whether or not other towns are using it and whether it could be something Braintree could use
Hancock/Frederick Streets AAB complaint:	Per Chris Griffin, awaiting response from AAB

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
Advertising of HP Funds:	No update
Wheelchair Accessible Taxi:	Tabled – Per Crystal, the funding needed to modify a van for use as an accessible taxi is exorbitant

Miscellaneous Cont'd:

Town Council Meeting Presentation:	Moved to September 1, 2015
Facebook Page Status:	Page is set. Just awaiting for the Mayor's approval
8/5 MOD statewide meeting for members of local commissions	Jennifer & Barbara will be attending the meeting at the Inspector General's Office at One Ashburton Place, Boston
Thayer Library Printer Access Complaint	Barbara is working with Terri Stano on making the printer area accessible to all. Russ Forsberg also was assisting Terri on making sure the area met ADA guidelines

Voting:

Election ballot call button update	Barbara spoke with Jim Casey, since there is no Sept. election, no decision has been made yet
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New Business:

Board meeting dates and venues	Sept. 8 – Johnson Chambers Oct. 5 – Cahill Auditorium Nov. 2 – Fletcher Hall Dec. 7 – Cahill Auditorium
Jimmy John's Restaurant	Concerns regarding furniture impeding access; Mike stated that all concerns were addressed and restaurant is all set to open
Open Meeting Law	Change to allow remote participation

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2015-JOHNSON HALL