

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AUGUST 4, 2014 MINUTES**

In Attendance: Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Judy Coletta, Jennifer Shaw, Lynn Vaillancourt
Building Dept. Liaison: Eric Erskine
Mayor's Assistant: Chris Griffin
Meeting Opened: 6:30 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:59 P.M.
Telephone Calls: No Phone Calls
Approved: July 7, 2014 Meeting Notes

ON-GOING/STATUS:

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

2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
 No updates.

3. Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)
 No updates.

4. Transition Plan (TP):
 Barbara T. will forward a letter to Mayor regarding next steps.

5. Parks & Recreation
 *Christopher Reeve Grant/the Highland's Playground shade system.
 Per Barbara Mello, system has been delivered and awaiting installation by the town
 Missing swing harness - harnesses have been ordered
 Transportation - Per Nelson Chin; all correspondence and flyers will include correct
 wording for obtaining accessible transportation for Parks & Rec. trip
 Charlotte Rose Playground- No update
 Water Wheels Beach Access Chair- Per Barbara T.; a new company needs to be found to
 purchase chair; FDA has not approved the chair therefore, it cannot be sold in the U.S.
 through Water Wheels.
 Hollingsworth Playground - Barbara Mello advised the C.O.D. of updates regarding
 ground leveling, ground product & what play equipment will be accessible. Barbara M.
 will let us know about the weight limit on equipment as well.*

6. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
 Work along Rt. 37 began last week.

7. High School Pool and Rink
 No update..

8. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:
 *Barbara will extend an invitation to Bob James, Director of BEMA to attend the Sept. 2nd
 meeting.*

9. Polling Places-Accessibility:
 *Barbara T. was contacted by Jim Casey, Town Clerk. Barbara sent Jim via email the
 results of the 2004 D.O.J. report and polling locations check off list.*

10. Handicap Parking Program/Fraudulent Use of Placard or Plate:
 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:
The commission will discuss this issue with Bob James from BEMA since we are concerned about a population of residents not being able to receive emergency messages via their local cable.

NEW BUSINESS:

South Shore Plaza, Sears parking lot entrance....Robin Torpey will contact SSP Management to find out if an automatic door opener can be installed for easy access for all.

Town Hall, lower level door has been repaired.

Lane Lambert, a new reporter for the Patriot Ledger contacted Barbara T. regarding the Parks & Rec. accessible transportation article, as well as interviewed her regarding the C.O.D. and the agenda items.

Absentee Ballots - how are they accessed?

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

(BT 8/19/2014)