

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 MINUTES**

In Attendance: Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Jennifer Shaw, Paul Wasil
Building Dept. Liaison: Mike McGourty
Mayor's Assistant: Not Present
Meeting Opened: 6:45 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:08 P.M.
Telephone Calls: No Phone Calls
Approved: August 4, 2014 Meeting Notes

ON-GOING/STATUS:

1. Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion:
 Per Mike McGourty, Blue Hills Vo-Tech has finished their work, the town is working on finishing touches.
2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
3. Water & Sewer Bldg (Old Thayer Library)
 8/27/14 via email from Christine Stickney:

Town Hall:

Jack has completed portions of the overall study in sections – hopefully will have a full document soon for everyone to review. We have encountered some issues with the roof that is going to have to be addressed as soon as possible – we believe this fall for construction. Jack has prepared a sketch of a possible HC accessible entrance to the side of the building for the door closest to Town Clerk's office – I need to come to an upcoming meeting and show you the rendering – so maybe we can talk when your meetings are....

Old Thayer Library:

Phase II (windows & front door) – Contractor still working on the building – half windows in and the other half just came back from the mill shop today and they will be going in starting the end of this week and into next. The front door will be a few weeks later.

Phase III (ADA and rear addition) – Two firms submitted bids and one was received late (ineligible) – therefore Bargman Hendrie Archetype was the essentially the only bidder – we are working on contract and fee now – should be underway with some preliminary design work by end of Sept.

4. Transition Plan (TP):
 No updates per Barbara Tennison
5. Parks & Recreation:
 - The Highland's Playground shade system - Per Barbara Mello's 8/21 email, the shade system was installed.
 Missing swing harnesses/RockNGlide locked in place status- Per Nelson Chin, he has had trouble reaching Bill O'Neil, Little Tykes East Coast rep. *It was suggested a letter be written to the Head of the company to let him know that it has gone on too long, it's been a year since the RockNGlide worked and the missing harnesses were reported to Mr. Chin months ago, as well.*
 - Transportation-
 Per Barbara Tennison, BELD, was unable to fit the wording regarding accessible buses in their newsletter when advertising the Parks & Rec trips.
 - Charlotte Rose Playground-
 Still has issue on area for wheelchair access.

- *The HP sign at the hp parking space has a new unapproved logo, sign will need to be replaced*
 - *Water Wheels Beach Access Chair-
Per Barbara Tennison, the original company we received a quote from cannot sell the Water Wheels chair in the U.S., therefore we will go back to the Mobi-Chair company for a quote. On hold till late winter.*
 - *Hollingsworth Playground-
No update. Per Barbara Mello, waiting on bids to be reviewed .*
6. *Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
Work is in progress.*
 7. *High School Pool and Rink:
No update.*
 8. *Daugherty Gym/BEMA:
Barbara Tennison never heard from Bob James in response to attending our meeting tonight. Hopefully Mr. James will accept our invitation for our Oct. meeting. Barbara requested that the commission work on our questions and concerns over the next month and have them ready for Oct's meeting.*
 9. *Polling Places-Accessibility:
Barbara Tennison and Jim Casey, Town Clerk visited various polling places on 8/14 & 8/21 to check on status of concerns with ADA's access in and around the polling locations. Jim Casey will follow up with a report.*
 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:
Per Mike McGourty, the ramp has to be installed by school opening. Barbara Tennison has heard from Russ Forsberg (on August 20, 2014) regarding back ramp & bathrooms, they have been installed. Also per Mike McGourty, all classrooms have entrances to the outside. There is a movable temporary ramp that can be used when it is necessary.*
 13. *Braintree Housing Authority-Planned walk through of Heritage Drive Housing:
No update*
 14. *South Shore Plaza Sears Entrance:
Robin Torpey will contact Mall Management.*
 15. *Absentee Ballots:
Barbara Tennison will check with Jim Casey, Town Clerk, as to how they are obtained.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- Where in Braintree are accessible housing units?
Barbara contacted Lauren Murphy at the Braintree Housing Authority, as well as Melissa in Planning/Housing Consortium requesting information; Barbara is working on list.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2014

(RT 9/12/2014)