

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

September 3, 2013

MINUTES

**In Attendance:** Barbara Tennison, Lynn Vaillancourt, Jennifer Shaw, Judy Coletta and Robin Torpey

**Building Dept. Liaison:** Erik Ericson

**Guest in Attendance:** From B.A.S.E. - Alysa Karlle Rynne, Gail McDonald and Meridith Karll Duffy

**Meeting Opened:** 6:35 P.M.     **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:12 P.M.

**Notes Approved:** July 1, 2013

**Telephone Calls:** Received call from Jessica Bartlett of the Boston Globe. Ms. Bartlett was inquiring as to the purpose of the grant we received from the Christopher Reeve Foundation. Ms. Bartlett had already spoken to Barbara Mello and received the information she needed.

**ON-GOING/STATUS:**

1. Proposed Community Center/Playground Restrooms status of elevator:  
*Plans for an elevator to be installed in the building is going forward.*
2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:  
*Barbara Tennison & Jen Shaw were invited to attend the 8/21/2013 Request for Proposals meeting with Christine Stickney, Russ Forsberg & Tom Whalen to review the 9 proposals that were submitted for the renovations and universal access to the town hall. A follow up meeting is scheduled for Sept. 23rd to narrow the proposals down to 4.*
3. Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)  
*Per Eric Erickson, there is no update.*
4. Transition Plan (TP):  
*Per Russ Forsberg 8/21/13 - At the RFP meeting, the transition plan should be completed soon.*
5. Funding for a Shading System for the Rock'N Ship Glider at the Highlands Playground:  
*Looking for a vendor for purchase and install.*
6. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:  
*Still no response on having the curb cuts and ramps installed..*
7. Watson Park Splash Pad status:  
*Splash Pad opened.*
8. High School Pool and Rink  
*Per Eric Ericson, there is no update.*
9. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:  
*Per Eric Ericson, there is no update.*
10. Community Outreach Mailing:  
*A public notice will be included in the September BELD newsletter.*
11. Parks and Recreation Accessible Transportation:  
*Per Lynn Vaillancourt, there is no update. Lynn will follow-up with an e-mail to Mr. Chin.*

12. **Mobi-Chair/Town Purchase status:**  
*The board agreed to purchase the chair and will make recommendations at a later date as to where it should be housed.*
13. **Charlotte Rose Playground:**  
*Playground has opened with limited accessibility. The town is re-constructing an accessible walkway for all as well as parking. The barrier surrounding the play equipment will be modified or removed.*
14. **HP Funds-Review of Revenue:**  
*Per Barbara Tennison, no update on the fines. The Administrative Funding is the same as last year.*
15. **Serving People with Disabilities Grant:**  
*As more information was needed, the library decided not to apply at this time.*
16. **Plan for a Roundtable Discussion Regarding Town's Responsibility for AAB Guidelines/ADA Compliance:**  
*Tabled, as Mayor Sullivan would like to be present at meeting. Possibly October meeting.*
17. **Status of the hiring of building inspector(s) - replacement and new position**  
*Per Eric Erickson, one new building inspector has been hired.*
18. **Request for funds from The Braintree After School Enrichment Program for special needs equipment.**  
*Funds in the amount of \$3,200. were unanimously voted on and approved.*
19. **Purchase of a Livescribe Pen:**  
*Purchase of the pen was unanimously approved. The funds will be used from Administrative Funds of C.O.D.*

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY OCT. 7, 2013**

(RT 10/3/2013)