

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES**

In Attendance

Board members: Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey,
Crystal Evans-Pradhan, Jennifer Shaw

Building Dept. Liaison: Not Present

Mayor's Liaison: Not Present

Meeting Opened: 6:05 PM **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:40 PM

Approved: August meeting notes: Motion to Approve 4-0-3

August Phone Calls Received: 2 calls:

1. Braintree resident left vm message regarding the installation of railings at his condo complex. The gentleman called looking for information regarding a request for financial assistance for the installation since he was told by the Property Mgmt. Company that oversees the property that they do not have the money for the project. Robin contacted the resident to collect further information on the property mgmt. company & forwarded it onto Barbara.

2. Ann Toland, head of the Council of the Arts called inquiring about a reimbursement for certain accessible items they had to install at the new Community Arts Center. Forwarded information onto Barbara Tennison.

Budget: \$35,632.

Town Buildings:

Transition Plan:	Awaiting follow up from Mayor Sullivan
Town Hall/Old Thayer Library:	Per Christine Stickney, awaiting further plans
Daugherty Gym:	No update
BEMA:	No update
Braintree Athletic Complex:	No update

Town Parks & Recreation:

Highlands Playground:	Per Barbara, the RockNGlide has been repaired Per Barbara, swing harness still not installed
Hollingsworth Playground:	Jennifer took a walk through of the playground and was impressed with what she saw. The play area was level and ground covering around play equipment was covered with synthetic grass. No accessible play equipment.
Conservation Land/Eaton Pond	Per Crystal Evans-Pradhan, no update

Streets and Roads:

ClixFix App:	Suggestion was made at the August 5 th meeting with Mayor Sullivan, still awaiting further action
Snow Removal:	No update
The Home Aid Project:	No update
Hancock/Frederick Streets AAB complaint:	Curb cuts and ramps were re-installed and are now up to code

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
Facebook Page Status:	Page is all set to be launched
Thayer Library Printer Access Complaint:	Per Barbara, issue has been resolved.
Planning Board July 28 th meeting:	No update on Braintree Athletic Complex. Town Council & Planning Board meeting August 25 th

Miscellaneous Cont'd:

August 5th M.O.D. statewide meeting for members of local commissions:

Jennifer & Barbara attended the meeting. It was very informative. The issue of the Open Meeting Law pertaining to remote participation was discussed. Our commission voted on Sept. 8th to accept the Open Meeting Law remote participation by phone with a motion to approve 4-0-3. The C.O.D. is the only town commission/committee that does not require the Mayor's approval for the remote participation, but it does need the approval of the chairperson and the chairperson needs to be present at the meeting.

Voting:

Election ballot call button update:

Per Barbara, no update

Polling Places updates:

Majority of polling places have been completed

New Business:

Social Media Campaign:

Crystal Evans-Pradhan will research pricing

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2015 - CAHILL AUDITORIUM

(RST/BT 9/25/2015)