

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
OCTOBER 6, 2014 MINUTES**

In Attendance: Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Jennifer Shaw, Crystal Evans-Pradhan, Judy Coletta
Building Dept. Liaison: Eric Erskine
Mayor's Assistant: Chris Griffin
Meeting Opened: 6:30 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:40 P.M.
Telephone Calls: No Phone Calls
Approved: September 2, 2014 Meeting Notes

ON-GOING/STATUS:

1. Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion:
 Exterior ramp has been installed.

2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
 No update

3. Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)
 Phase II should be completed by end of October 2014. Phase III is in process with design plans, per Christine Stickney

4. Transition Plan (TP):
 No updates

5. Parks & Recreation:
 - The Highland's Playground shade system was installed
 - *Missing swing harnesses-Per Nelson Chin, Bill O'Neill will order new harnesses. It has been suggested that the harnesses will need to be installed with a mechanism to keep them from being vandalized.*
 - *RockNGlide-Per Bill O'Neill the unit will need to be replaced*
 - *Charlotte Rose Playground- Barbara Tennison did a walk through. Per Chris Griffin, the contractor who is working on Tremont St. will take care of the C.O.D.'s concerns regarding the route from the parking area to the playground, as well as removing the barrier around the play equipment. HP signs need to be replaced with regulated logo.*
 - *Water Wheels Beach Access Chair- On hold*
 - *Hollingsworth Playground- Playground is being installed and is expected to be open the first week of November*

6. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
 Curb cuts have been completed along Rt. 37.
 A home along Franklin Street has branches hanging over the sidewalk which makes it difficult for a person to walk along without having to go out onto Rt. 37. Eric Erskine will take care of this matter

7. High School Pool and Rink:
 No update

8. Daugherty Gym/BEMA:
 Bob James has been on vacation, he will attend November's meeting.

9. Polling Places-Accessibility:
 Awaiting report from Jim Casey

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):
Per Barbara Tennison, there are approximately 20 persons registered so far.
12. Housing:
 - Braintree Housing Authority-Planned walk through of Heritage Drive Housing:
No update
 - Multi-Family Adaptable Housing:
No accessible units are mandated, what is mandated, are adaptable units.
13. South Shore Plaza Sears Entrance:
Robin Torpey contacted Russ Forsberg, as he is handling the situation. Robin will continue to follow up with Russ.
14. Absentee Ballots:
All residents receive a voting packet which includes information on absentee ballots.

NEW BUSINESS:

- November 3rd meeting in Fletcher Hall
- Town Hall lower level entrance door sticks and has trouble opening on windy days (10/2) and water continues to pool at the right side of landing upon exiting the building.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 3 2014

(RT 10/27/2014)