

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

October 7, 2013

MINUTES

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

**Building Dept. Liaison:** Mike McGourty

**Guest in Attendance:** Nelson Chin

**Meeting Opened:** 6:33 P.M.     **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55 P.M.

**Telephone Calls:** Received 2 phone messages from a resident of Braintree with issues regarding the parking of his truck at his condo residence. The gentleman has a child with a disability and was looking for guidance on how to handle the issue.

**ON-GOING/STATUS:**

1. Proposed Community Center/Playground Restrooms status of elevator:  
*Per Mike McGourty, elevator is being installed. All bathrooms will be accessible.*
2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:  
*Barbara Tennison & Jen Shaw were invited to take part in the selection process of the architectural firm that will be doing some renovations at the town hall as well as constructing an ADA compliant entrance for the town hall. The group will reconvene on October 11th to make the final 4 choices. The Mayor will be reviewing the selections and will make the final decision on which firm will be hired to do the work.*
3. Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)  
*Per Mike McGourty, there is no update.*
4. Transition Plan (TP):  
*Russ Forsberg has completed the plan; has turned it over to Mayor Sullivan for review. The C.O.D. will request a copy once the Mayor has the chance to review it.*
5. Funding for a Shading System for the Rock’N Ship Glider at the Highlands Playground:  
*Still searching for a vendor for purchase and install of shading system.*
6. Mass Highway’s repaving of Route 37:  
*Per Mike McGourty, there is no update.*
7. High School Pool and Rink  
*Per Mike McGourty, it is now in the hands of the person who won the bid, Atty. Robert Norton of Braintree.*
8. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:  
*Per Mike McGourty, there is no update.*
9. Community Outreach Mailing:  
*The first outreach mailing is in with the September BELD bill. Barbara Tennison will have a new one for the winter issue.*
10. Parks and Recreation Accessible Transportation:  
*Nelson Chin addressed the meeting, stating that he found the statement of purpose for accessibility, which states that a 10 day lead time is necessary for obtaining an accessible bus. Lynn Vaillancourt shared with Mr. Chin a list of bus companies that have handicap accessible buses.*

11.     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.*
  
12.     Charlotte Rose Playground:  
*The wood barrier surrounding the wood chips is not accessible. A walkway with parking spaces is to be installed when roadway is redone. Per Mike McGourty, all C.O.D. issues should be addressed.*
  
13.     HP Funds-Review of Revenue:  
*Per Barbara Tennison, still no update on the fines.*
  
14.     Request for funds from The Braintree After School Enrichment Program for special needs equipment.  
*Per Barbara Tennison, check was mailed and received week of September 30<sup>th</sup>.*
  
15.     Purchase of a Livescribe Pen:  
*Pen was purchased by C.O.D.*
  
16.     Accommodation for a resident of a privately owned condo.  
*C.O.D. will send a letter of support to condo association asking for an accommodation for the owner to be able to park his truck on condo property while his son resides with him..*

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY NOV. 4, 2013**

(RT 10/30/2013)