

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
NOVEMBER 3, 2014 MINUTES**

In Attendance: Barbara Tennison, Robin Torpey, Jennifer Shaw, Paul Wasil, Judy Coletta,
Lynn Vaillancourt, Crystal Evans-Pradhan.

Building Dept. Liaison: Mike McGourty

Mayor's Assistant: Chris Griffin

Meeting Opened: 6:30 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:04 P.M.

Telephone Calls: No Phone Calls

Approved: October 6, 2014 Meeting Notes

ON-GOING/STATUS:

1. Proposed Community Center/Walk Through Upon Completion:
Anticipated Spring 2015 opening per Chris Griffin.

2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
Christine Stickney & CPC will be attending Dec. 1st meeting to bring us an update.

3. Water & Sewer Bldg (Old Thayer Library)
Phase II almost completed. Phase III will include HC access.

4. Transition Plan (TP):
No updates per Barbara Tennison

5. Parks & Recreation:
 - The Highland's Playground shade system:
Nelson Chin is at a standstill in trying to get in touch with Bill O'Neill, the playground installer.
 - Charlotte Rose Playground-
Tom Whalen will address and update the C.O.D..
 - Hollingsworth Playground-
Per Barbara Mello, finishing touches going on today.

6. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
A list of areas that need to be addressed will be given to Tom Whalen.

7. High School Pool and Rink:
Unfortunately, it is back out to bid per Chris Griffin.

8. Daugherty Gym/BEMA:
Bob James, Director of Emergency Management, attended C.O.D. meeting, with his staff and addressed all issues that were presented to him. The commission will need to review input and handouts from Bob and make a list of concerns/questions.

9. Polling Places-Accessibility:
Per Jim Casey, via phone call with Barbara, all polling locations should be all up to code. Signs are in place. Everyone, please check when you vote and report your findings to Barbara Tennison.

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):
Good turn out, C.O.D was able to deposit registration fees into the HP account, waiting on report from Ed Spellman for exact amount.
12. South Shore Plaza Sears Entrance:
Per Robin Torpey, Russ Forsberg informed her that Sears may be closing the Braintree store.
13. Where in Braintree are accessible housing units?:
Per Chris Griffin & Mike McGourty, both Lauren Murphy in Housing & Melissa in Planning, have the list.
14. Town Hall Lower Level problems:
There is still an issue of water pooling in front of the HC entrance. Mike McGourty was informed and will address the issue.
15. Disability Handicap Indicator Program/Braintree Police:
Per Chris Griffin, Police Officer Jamie Mosseou, is the liaison for this program.
16. BELD- Bright Ideas:
Barbara spoke with Jim Ritchie regarding the Parks & Rec advertisements to include the statement of the ability to have an accessible bus available for all their trips.
17. Audible Signals:
Eleven years ago C.O.D. requested three major locations for the audible signals to be placed, but since then, no other signals have been installed.

Tom Whelan, Director of D.P.W., was present at the meeting & will be addressing the following issues for the C.O.D. and update us:

- Curb cuts along Pearl St. at the entrance to the Shaw's parking lot.
- Barbara Tennison received an e-mail from a resident at 98 Commercial St. regarding the sidewalk in front of their home being in disrepair and dangerous for anyone walking along that route. Tom Whalen stated he would address the issue with the resident directly.
- Per Tom Whalen, any problems with town snow removal, please contact the following persons at the DPW-Highway Dept.: Steve O'Brien, Georgia, Dave McKenna, Walter Sullivan, 781-794-8950.
- Per Tom Whalen, the MBTA is responsible in clearing the snow on their properties.
- Concerns were addressed with Tom Whalen regarding lack of curb cuts and sidewalks in disrepair in and around the High School, as well as along the access road. Tom Whalen stated he would address these issues.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 2014

(RT 11/14/2014)