

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

March 11, 2013

MINUTES

In Attendance: Barbara Tennison, Lynn Vaillancourt, Jennifer Shaw, and
Judy Coletta.

Mayor Sullivan's Administrative Assistant: Not in attendance

Building Department Liaison: Mike McGourty

Meeting Opened: 6:32 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55 P.M.

February 4, 2013 Meeting Notes Accepted.

Phone Calls: None

ON-GOING/STATUS:

1. Thayer Public Library Accessibility:
 Awaiting response from AAB on acceptance of variance

2. Proposed Community Center/Playground Restrooms at 1969
 Washington Street plan progress:
 *Per Chris Griffin, there has been some movement on looking at the
 possibility of installing a handicap lift to access the 2nd floor; otherwise
 2nd floor will be used as storage*

3. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
 *Awaiting update from Christine Stickney regarding CCP funding. C.O.D. needs to
 request to see plans from Tom Whalen regarding the redesign of the side
 entrance.*

4. Water & Sewer Bldg.:
 No update

5. Transition Plan (TP):
 *Per Mike McGourty, plan on hold, due to proposed move of the Pond Street
 offices to either Town Hall or the old Parks & Rec. building on Union St.
 C.O.D. will continue to check status at monthly meetings.*

6. Funding for a Shading System for the Rock'N Ship Glider at the Highlands
 Playground:
 *Awaiting response from Barbara Mello on whether the town will receive a
 grant from the Christopher Reeves Foundation*

7. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
 *Chris Griffin stated (Jan. 7th) that Mayor Sullivan had spoken to the
 D.O.T. and they will review all curb cuts, making sure they are ADA
 compliant. After the review, they will have an inventory of what is
 needed to bring all curb cuts brought up to compliance. This work will be
 done in the spring.*

8. Watson Park Splash Pad & High School pool & rink plans status:
 *Per Chris Griffin (Jan.7th) proposals for the pool & rink have been
 received. Once the award has been announced, the C.O.D. will be advised
 & involved in the planning*

9. High School/Pool and Rink
Town reviewing bids
10. Adoption of the Provisions of Chapter 40: Section 22G:
Reviewed documentation sent to the C.O.D. via Chris Griffin, the commission would like further clarification of Carolyn Murray's interpretation.
11. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:
No update (need further explanation on the recommendation from the Mayor's office for a construction/reconstruction building liaison from the C.O.D.)
12. Community Outreach Mailing:
C.O.D. would like to pursue mailing the flyer on their own through the BELD newsletter
13. Neighborhood Brigade (NB):
Judy and Lynn hope to meet up with the organizer of the Braintree Neighbor Brigade in the near future.
14. Parks and Recreation Accessible Transportation:
C.O.D. will extend an invitation to Parks & Recreation Director, Nelson Chin to attend our April 1st meeting. There were 2 companies that bid in Dec. 2012 for the transportation contract for the Parks & Rec trips.
15. H.P. Funds:
The math does not coincide with the amount of tickets and funds. Chris Griffin will discuss this issue with Mayor Sullivan. He will advise C.O.D. on the Mayor's response to this. Not discussed.
16. *Connie Collier: Assistant Director, Thayer Library spoke with us to ask our support and assistance on ideas for the Serving People with Disabilities grant that the library is applying for.*

New Items Not Addressed:

- Proposed renovation to French's Common playground/Charlotte Rose Kelly Play Area
- MBTA Bus Huts, whose responsibility is it to remove the snow during a snow storm, i.e. MBTA, town, state

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