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COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

**Whipple Senior Center
182 Green Street, Room 12
Weymouth, MA
April 10, 2019**

Minutes

PRESENT:

Hank Goldman, Chairman
Richard Johnson
Ron Evans
Jonathan Blaisdell
Linda Sera

NOT PRESENT:

John MacLeod
Ron Rizzo

ALSO PRESENT:

Sue McDonough, ADA Coordinator
Caroline LaCroix, Director, HR

Chairman Goldman called the meeting of the Commission on Disabilities to order at 7:00PM.

ADA REPORT

Wessagusset Beach Walk: North Weymouth Beach Connection

- In March it was reported: the goal is to have a plan submitted to the Conservation Commission at the March 26, 2019 Conservation Commission Meeting. If achieved COD will be informed.
- At the March 26, 2019 Conservation Commission Meeting, the project was on the agenda and discussed. The discussion was tabled and continued, the discussion will be continued to the next Conservation Commission meeting on April 23, 2019.

Recreation Fields/Open Space

- Last month it was announced to the Commission that a committee has been established to update the Open Space and Recreation Plan established for the town in 2014, which included ADA Accessibility. A consultant was working with the town to update.
- There will be a public kick off meeting, May 16, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Humanities Center at the High School.

Planning Board is requesting someone from this committee be on the Open Space Committee. Ms. McDonough is asking for a volunteer to attend the meetings and give input. One member agreed to attend each meeting on a rolling basis.

Route 53/Pleasant Street & Mutton Lane

- The audible signal; audible signal at 53/Pleasant & 53/Mutton was corrected and checked recently. It seems to be working well; there has not been any comment on the volume.

Ms. McDonough met Mr. Johnson at the location and the audible signal was fixed.

Chairman Goldman questioned Route 18/Pond Street/Pleasant Street is audible crossing working at this intersection?

Announcements/upcoming events/accommodations

Accessibility for Annual Town Meeting:

- Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:30pm. The Town Council office has requested the following accessibility for the event:
 1. An attendant at the accessible entrance to the building to facilitate accessibility for attendees before and following the events.
 2. A clear pathway from aforementioned entrance to the auditorium and lavatories.
 3. Signage both inside and outside the auditorium directing attendees to and from the accessible entrance, restrooms and auditorium.

Town Council, attendant is at door before and after event. Put in a request to John MacLeod.

Abigail Adams Building:

Chairman Goldman requested that when the Abigail Adams Building is updated and repaired COD wants to know and make sure ADA issues are at the forefront of those updates and repairs.

SEPAC

Chairman Goldman stated there was a presentation by the administration at the SEPAC.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING - UPDATE

Chairman Goldman introduced Ms. Laurie Hanson from the School Building Committee who spoke to the committee regarding why we need to replace the Chapman Middle School. Get out and vote on April 30, 2019.

Ms. Lisa Jennings stated the town will get a full 57% reimbursement of building construction.

OLD BUSINESS

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – ISSUES

Chairman Goldman stated elevator sign and usage issues still an issue at WHS, will address at next meeting.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN PROGRAMS

Chairman Goldman stated he is working on legislation with Pat O'Connor.

NEXT SEPAC MEETING

Next meeting of SEPAC will be held on May 7, 2019.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on May 8, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:10PM. Ms. Sera SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

9/11/19