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COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

**Whipple Senior Center
182 Green Street, Room 12
Weymouth, MA
June 19, 2019**

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Minutes

PRESENT: Hank Goldman, Chairman
Richard Johnson

NOT PRESENT: Linda Sera
John MacLeod
Jon Blaisdell
Ron Evans
Ron Rizzo

ALSO PRESENT: Sue McDonough, ADA Coordinator
Caroline LaCroix, HR Director

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

Approval of the March 2019, April 2019, and May 2019 minutes was tabled due to the lack of a quorum.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

As presented by consultants: Horsley and Witton Group

Mike
Greg

Mike stated he visited the open space areas owned by the town; 34 sites in all, to survey the compliance with ADA Guidelines. A draft transition plan has been prepared. Horsley and Witton have brought with them the list of items (numbering 1 through 72) issues/barriers at each site and the action(s) for barrier removal. COD will review the listing and give each item a priority rating the scale is as follows:

The Town developed a ranking method to prioritize the inventoried sites for addressing accessibility recommendations. The Town established four categories for ranking:

1. The Town is currently working on or has plans to work on the site in the near future. These sites are popular and widely used with established amenities (e.g., parking lot, trail system, ball fields, play areas).

2. The Town recognizes that improvements are needed at the site and will develop plan to address the recommendations. These sites are also popular and widely used with established amenities (e.g., parking lot, trail system, ball fields, play areas).
3. The Town recognizes that improvements are needed at the site, but it does not have any plans to address recommendations at this time.
0. The site has no or extremely limited opportunities to develop amenities or improve accessibility. For example, parking is not available and no space to provide it; wetlands or steep topography limit trail or access development.

<u>Facility – Element</u>	<u>Priority Ranking</u>
1) Abigail Adams – Crosswalks	2
2) Abigail Adams – Site Access	1
3) Beals Park- Site Access	3
4) Beals Park – Picnic Area	3
5) Beals Park – Play Area	3
6) Birches – Site Access	3
7) Birches – Site Access	3
8) Birches – Site Access	3
9) Birches – Parking	2
10) Bradford Hawes – Parking	2
11) Bradford Hawes – Parking	1
12) Bradford Hawes – Site Access/Play Area	2
13) Bradford Hawes – Game Area	2
14) Bradford Hawes – Picnic Area	2
15) E. Leo Madden Field – Parking	2
16) E. Leo Madden Field – Site Access	3
17) George Lane Beach – Site Access	1
18) George Lane Beach – Play Area	1
19) George Lane Beach – Parking	1
20) Richard Gifford- Parking	1
21) Richard Gifford – Picnic Facilities	3
22) Richard Gifford – Site Access	3
23) Great Esker Park – Picnic Facilities	1
24) Great Esker Park – Parking	1
25) Great Hill Park – Parking	1
26) Herring Run Middle Pool – Parking	1
27) House Rock Park – Parking	1
28) House Rock Park – Access Path	2
29) House Rock Park – Play Area	3
30) James Humphrey Park – Parking Area	1
31) James Humphrey Park – Site Access	1
32) Kibbey Property	0

33) King Oak Hill Park	0
34) Korean War Memorial – Site Access	1
35) Korean War Memorial – Site Access	1
36) Lake Street Beach – Site Access	0
37) Lake Street Beach – Parking	0
38) Legion Memorial Field – Play Area/Site Access	1
39) Libbey Field – Restrooms	1

Chairman Goldman stated because the other beaches in town are not accessible at all George Lane Beach should have more handicap access.

40) Libby Field – Parking	1
41) Lovell Field	0
42) Mitchell Field – Parking/Site Access	1 **
43) Negus Park – Parking	1
44) Negus - Restrooms	1
45) Negus Park – Site Access	3
46) Negus Park – Play Area	2
47) Newell Playground – Site Access	3
48) Newell Playground – Parking	2
49) Newell Playground – Picnic Area	2
50) Old Canal Riverfront – Trails	1
51) O’Sullivan Playground – Parking	2
52) O’Sullivan Playground – Site Access	2
53) O’Sullivan Playground – Picnic Area	2
54) Ralph Talbot Walkway – Site Access	1
55) Ralph Talbot Walkway – Parking	0
56) Riley Central – Parking	2
57) Riley Central – Site Access	2
58) Riley Central – Site Access	2
59) Riley Central – Site Access	2
60) Sarah Brassil Playground	0
61) Stella Tirrell Park – Site Access	2
62) Stella Tirrell Park – Game Area	2
63) Stella Tirrell Park – Play Area	2
64) Stella Tirrell Park – Parking	2
65) Stephen Rennie Park/Herring Run	0
66) Webb Park – Site Access	2
67) Weston Park – Parking	1
68) Weston Park – Site Access	1
69) Whitman’s Pond Park – Parking	2
70) Whitman’s Pond Park – Benches	2
71) Woodbine Conservation Area – Parking	0
72) Woodbine Conservation Area – Benches	2*

*install handicap benches or 1 or 2 benches or pads

** Horsley Witten Group will reach out to schools/town regarding miscommunication on use of field.

Greg stated a completed version of this prioritized listing will be sent out to all members of this committee. Members will be asked to comment and respond ASAP as the information is time sensitive. The next meeting of the Open Space Planning Committee is to be held on July 16, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

