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**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
**Whipple Senior Center** 2020 OCT -2 AM 11: 51  
**182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA 02191**  
**September 11, 2019**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Hank Goldman, Chairman  
Richard Johnson  
Ron Evans  
John MacLeod  
Ron Rizzo  
Jon Blaisdell

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Caroline LaCroix

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of March 13, 2019. Mr. Rizzo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of April 10, 2019. Mr. Rizzo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of May 8, 2019. Mr. Rizzo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of June 19, 2019 with correction as follows: there was no quorum so March, April and May minutes were tabled. Mr. Evans SECONDED the MOTION as amended. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADA COORDINATOR REPORT**

**Transition/Open Space**

- The Town Consultants (Horsley Witton Group) has gathered the information from the surveys, Public Meetings, workshop and COD. Based on the information received, another survey will be launched to include the information gathered.
- The Open Space Committee is asking for participate in the survey, and to share when received.
- There will be a Public Meeting held in October (date to be announced) regarding the transition/open space.

### Announcements/upcoming events/accommodations

- The Great Pumpkin Give-a-way will be held Sunday, October 6, more information to follow as the planning continues.
- The Mayor's office has received several applications for boards and committees. The office is reviewing and hoping to fill the board and committee open seats within the next month.

### RESIGNATION

Chairman Goldman stated Linda Sera has resigned from the commission. Ms. LaCroix stated she will speak with Mayor Hedlund regarding a letter of gratitude for members who have move on from the commission.

### SEPAC REPORT

Chairman Goldman stated SEPAC has a new director, but the new director has not shown up to a meeting as of yet.

### UPDATE ON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. MacLeod reported the group has chosen the construction manager. This team will have an active role in the design development phase. The construction manager is Bond Brothers. They have 20+ years' experience in school buildings. The town will see early packages in April, design development in fall then request for proposals for modules.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL update of issue

Chairman Goldman gave back story on the SSH issue; the main entrance is open during the day. The doors are closed and barricaded at 8:00PM. To exit the hospital after 8:00PM you must exit via the emergency room exit even if you are disabled and have parked in the handicapped parking at the front of the hospital in handicap parking spaces. There are not any wheelchairs at the barricaded exits to help assist the persons that may be disabled at these exits get to their vehicles that now could be quite some distance from where they are. Also, there is no notice warning visitors that this will happen at 8:00PM.

Ms. LaCroix asked is this issue/question coming via a personal issue or as Chairman of COD. Because the commission could write a letter with the Mayor's approval stating that South Shore Hospital partner's with the Town of Weymouth and perhaps for our citizens' benefits we can come together and reach an understanding.

Mr. MacLeod stated he votes for action by someone at some point to put this issue in writing, list the complaint, date when you first complained and state now you want it fixed.

Mr. Blaisdell stated he agrees completely with Mr. MacLeod.

Mr. Johnson suggested if you call and contact the ER for a wheelchair and have them take you to your car, they would probably accommodate that request.

Chairman Goldman stated he would appreciate if the signage outside the doors said these doors are locked at 8:00PM and you will not be able to exit via this location.

Mr. MacLeod made a MOTION to ask the Building Department to check the handicap parking percent at South Shore Hospital for compliance. Mr. Blaisdell SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chairman Goldman stated he will write up the remaining South Shore Hospital issues and bring them to the next meeting.

#### **REVIEW/UPDATES on accessibility issues at WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL building/elevators**

Chairman Goldman stated there was another issue last night at WHS. Mr. MacLeod stated he is aware of the issue.

#### **GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN PROGRAMS**

Chairman Goldman wants to keep this item on the agenda, he will get in contact with Karen Johnston at Whipple Senior Center to discuss and bring a Weymouth program to light.

#### **PARKING ON SIDEWALK complaint @ Broad Street**

Mr. MacLeod suggested COD write a letter to the Police Department. Ms. LaCroix suggested staff contact Police regarding the issue. Chairman Goldman stated there are multiple locations: Broad/Webb, Essex/Broad, and Academy Avenue.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **COMMUNITY ACCESS**

##### **Connect with MOD**

Connect with MOD is happening October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Falmouth.

#### **PUMPKIN FEST**

Chairman Goldman stated this year Pumpkin Fest is on Sunday, October 6, 2019.

### **SEPAC NEXT MEETING**

Chairman Goldman stated the next SEPAC meeting is October 1, 2019 at Abigail Adams Library.

### **REORGANIZATION**

Ms. LaCroix stated does this board want to reorganize and select new Chairman, new Clerk?

### **ABILITIES EXPO**

Mr. Evans stated the Abilities Expo is this weekend in Boston.

### **NEW ACCESS RAMP AND MOBI MAT**

Mr. Evans stated the new access ramp and mobi mat are here at Lane Beach and it works very well. Mr. MacLeod stated the town also got a chair for the other beach as well.

### **SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

Mr. Evans asked for a moment of silence for the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9.11.01.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on October 9, 2019.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:15PM. Mr. Evans SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Christine Malloy  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

9/16/20