

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

Whipple Senior Center  
182 Green Street, Room 12  
Weymouth, MA  
October 9, 2019

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**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Hank Goldman, Chairman  
Richard Johnson  
Ron Evans

**NOT PRESENT:**

Ron Rizzo  
Linda Sera  
John MacLeod  
Jon Blaisdell

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Sue McDonough, ADA Coordinator

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

**MINUTES**

Chairman Goldman tabled the September 11, 2019 minutes until the next month with a correction to the SEPAC Report; Weymouth Public Schools has a new Director of Special Education. The September meeting was the first meeting she attended.

**ADA REPORT**

**Transition/Open Space**

- The Town Consultants has launched a new survey based on information gathered from the first surveys, Public Meeting/Workshop and COD. The survey was emailed to the Board.
- The public meeting that was to be scheduled this month from the updates and second survey has been put off until November. The date is to be determined.
- Ms. McDonough asked all members to please fill out the survey.

**Traffic Regulation on Parking Restrictions**

- Follow-up with police regarding the complaint for Broad Street parking (on sidewalk). Police ask when issue occurs to call the station. They can issue tickets/tow for the violation, while the issue is current (in progress), similar to a crime.

## Requests/Issues from the Commission

- South Shore Hospital
  - Parking spaces for handicap: I have requested the number of handicapped spaces allocated for the size of the parking lot (and if it is separated by parking lot). I should have that by Thursday 10/10/19.
  - SSH is under the inspection of the State. Paperwork is signed off by the State for the occupancy to be issued by the Town.
  - I should have the contact information, Thursday, 10/10/19 on inspection.
  - I reached out to the fire department, for clarification on who does the inspection for egress/safety/fire access. Weymouth of State Fire Marshall. And who has jurisdiction on codes for (locked doors/access = what is the protocol/policy on door inaccessibility).

Ms. McDonough stated the Building Inspector will get back to her with answers tomorrow.

Chairman Goldman stated he still intends to write all issues with the hospital up and the group will review at the next meeting.

Ms. McDonough stated she feels other members might have an issue with the second Wednesday of the month as the meeting date. Perhaps COD should discuss and change meeting date.

## SEPAC

Chairman Goldman stated this meeting was probably the best one in the past 25 years. The new WPS Special Education Director gave an overview of all Special Education programs their acronyms and what they all mean. There was a guest speaker who talked about financial planning for children with special needs and who also provided resources. This guest speaker has an office in Braintree.

## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING - UPDATE

Next year begins the K-5, 6-7, and 8-12.

## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN PROGRAMS

Chairman Goldman stated his granddaughter is doing her Capstone on this topic.

## GREAT PUMPKIN GIVE-A-WEY

Chairman Goldman asked if anyone from the commission attended to give a report of any accessibility issues at the event. No one attended the event. There were no reports of any accessibility issues.

### **LETTER FROM LAURIE SABADINI**

*Hi Hank,*

*The disability placard parking spots at RK Centre plaza, specifically around Precinct 10 Restaurant are placed very poorly (110 Main Street, Weymouth). There are no HP spaces in the two rows nearest to the restaurant's entrance. The closest spaces to the restaurant are over in the next set of rows, which are in front of Leslie's Pool Supplies. Of the four spaces in front of the pool supply store, two are lined up with the elevated part of the walkway that was built up to the pool supply door, i.e., two are not in line with a cut to get onto the walkway. So basically, if you're going to Precinct 10, the closest few spaces require extra rolling time in traffic. After this set of four spaces, we then have a row of parking with what should be HP spaces, but which instead are dedicated parking for the Party Store.*

*I think a few of the spaces at the Shopping Centre's lots were moved to have even just two at the proximal rows directly in front of Precinct 10, if one of The Party Store's proximal spaces were repurposed as an HP spot, and/or possible a few spots reclaimed from Rockland Trust (which would necessitate in a travel aisle with curb cuts and a crosswalk between that and Precinct 10), it would help make it less dangerous for someone using a mobility device to park and get in and out of the restaurant.*

*- Laura*

Ms. McDonough stated she will ask the Building Inspector to check the number of handicap spaces in the RK parking lot. And report back to COD.

### **AUDIBLE LIGHTS at Pleasant/Washington**

Ms. McDonough asked Mr. Johnson is the audible working at the lights at Pleasant and Washington. Mr. Johnson stated yes.

### **NEXT SEPAC MEETING**

Chairman Goldman stated the next SEPAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

### **COD MISSION STATEMENT**

Chairman Goldman asked Ms. McDonough to check with Jeanne Savoy to see if COD members can change the paragraph that says "Mission Statement" because it is not accurate.

### **NEXT MEETING**


The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on November 13, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 7:55PM. Mr. Evans SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Christine Malloy  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

  
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