

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Whipple Senior Center
182 Green Street, Room 12
Weymouth, MA
March 13, 2019

Minutes

PRESENT:

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Goldman made introductions of new members; Jon Blaisdell and Ron Rizzo.

MINUTES

Mr. Evans made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of December 12, 2018 (Linda Sera's notes as written). Mr. Johnson SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. Mr. MacLeod abstained.

Ms. Sera made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of January 9, 2019. Mr. Evans SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. Mr. Johnson, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Evans and Mr. Blaisdell abstained.

ADA REPORT

Chairman Goldman stated there was a heated discussion at last month's meeting because the ADA Report has a lack of ADA accessibility related concerns, references and updates included in the information monthly.

Mr. Johnson asked what the update on the Beach Boardwalk issue is.

Mr. MacLeod stated what is happening is two agencies are trying to work together and trying to put this beach boardwalk program together but the difficulty is more with the two agencies working together. There are issues with the handicap ramp being too close to the beach because it's not good for the beach.

SEPAC

Chairman Goldman stated the SEPAC meeting was about integration and the high school is headed towards inclusion.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING - UPDATE

Mr. MacLeod spoke of:

- Model onto MSBA
- Vote to approve debt override on 4/30

OLD BUSINESS

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – ISSUES

Chairman Goldman stated he still hasn't received a response from the letter sent from the commission. There are two outstanding issues at the high school:

- Note on the elevator
- Handicap doors – issues on day of parent conferences; all HP doors locked after conferences were still going on.
- Elevators – now during daily announcements they say anyone using elevators without a pass will be punished.

Chairman Goldman stated he has suggested in the past to remember the elevator use policy.

Mr. MacLeod suggested Chairman Goldman call the Vice Principal and Principal and make an appointment and come in and discuss the issue; also offering to help facilitate making the appointment.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN PROGRAMS

Karen Johnston at the Whipple Center wants to get a group going here at the Whipple Center; Chairman Goldman is looking to help facilitate this.

DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO BECOME MORE RELEVANT

1. Ms. Sera suggested Parking Issues: Go to the Police Department or invite them to a COD meeting to discuss parking, handicap parking violation issues and how to handle in Weymouth.
2. Mr. MacLeod questioned what COD's Mission Statement is. Have someone find this out and report back to COD.

3. Mr. Johnson asked audible traffic signals at South Shore Hospital, Pleasant Street/Washington Street and Pleasant Street/Mutton Lane; it's been more than six months since the original call to get this fixed. What is taking all this time and when will it be done?
4. Mr. Johnson where to go when you have a complaint? Is there a link to answers to things that this committee can solve? Problems this committee has worked on and solved can we list them somewhere on the town website?

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on April 10, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MacLeod made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:30PM. Mr. Johnson SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

9/11/14