

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Whipple Senior Center  
182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA 02191  
November 8, 2017

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**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Hank Goldman, Chairman  
Lisa Jennings, Vice Chairman  
Richard Johnson  
Ron Evans  
John MacLeod

**NOT PRESENT:**

Andrea Feeney  
Gerry Begonis  
Linda Sera

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

**MINUTES**

Ms. Jennings stated what she meant to say in the minutes was that she posed a question of planning to revive the question of the ADA Coordinator's role.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of September 13, 2017 with the above mentioned changed. Mr. Evans SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**VACANT POSITION on COD**

Chairman Goldman stated yes there is still a vacant position on the Commission.

**ADA COORDINATORS REPORT**

Chairman Goldman asked Mr. MacLeod are the new Handicap spots at the new beach done yet. Mr. MacLeod stated no, not yet.

Chairman Goldman stated that the reports about Farmer's Market are that it was well received in its new location.

Mr. Evans thanked Lisa Jennings for hosting the Commission on Disabilities Farmer's Market Table each weekend.

Ms. Jennings stated 5 or 6 agencies/organizations were able to utilize the COD table; some of them were:

- South Shore Support Services
- Partners for Youth with Disabilities. and
- Donna's Do Right Dogs

Mr. Johnson suggested making a commercial to be aired on the Weymouth Channel using the beach wheelchair. All agreed this is a wonderful idea; ask WETC to be involved and the Recreation Department.

### **PUMPKIN GIVE-A-WEY**

Ms. Jennings stated the COD table was able to collect \$121 for both the SMILE Beach Wheelchair and Project Teal Pumpkin.

### **BACK RIVER TRAIL**

Chairman Goldman stated this project is done but not completely ADA compliant.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ISSUE AT SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL**

Chairman Goldman stated he and his son entered South Shore Hospital at 5:00PM and tried to exit the hospital via the same way at 9:15PM. The exit was blocked with wooden barricades, no emergency signage, no signage saying only exit after 8:00PM is via Emergency Room entrance. Both he and his son have mobility issues.

There is to be a meeting to discuss the safety and security at South Shore Hospital the following dates and times are the available days and times the hospital has to discuss, when can everyone attend?

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| • November 10 <sup>th</sup> | 11-4 |
| • November 13 <sup>th</sup> | 11-4 |
| • November 14 <sup>th</sup> | 11-4 |
| • November 15 <sup>th</sup> | 9-12 |

Ms. Jennings is available Monday or Wednesday, Mr. Evans would like to attend also.

### **ACCESSIBILITY TOUR OF SCHOOLS**

Chairman Goldman stated an accessibility tour of the schools will be put into action some time mid-January by himself and John Barker from WHS. Will discuss dates at the next meeting.

## **HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN**

Chairman Goldman asked all COD members, did anyone have a chance to attend this meeting?

## **PUMPKIN GIVE-A-WEY**

Ms. Jennings made a MOTION to donate \$200 to Project Teal Pumpkin. Mr. Johnson SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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## **MASS OFFICE ON DISABILITIES**

The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD), in partnership with the Whipple Senior Center is hosting a meeting to bring together people with disabilities and local emergency preparedness professionals.

This meeting will be held on December 6, 2017 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm in the Mary McElroy Meeting Room of the McCulloch Building. The building is located at 182 Green Street in Weymouth, MA 02191.

## **SEPAC**

Chairman Goldman stated SEPAC did not meet last night because of Election Night. Their next meeting will be held on December 7, 2017.

## **SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE – NEW CHAPMAN BUILDING**

Chairman Goldman asked Ms. Jennings and Mr. MacLeod if they can share any information regarding the Re-districting; K-5 or K-4 and is there a time-frame?

Mr. MacLeod stated no; could take up to 18 months; probably no answers until the spring.

## **BEST BUDDIES**

Ms. Jennings stated she spoke with the people from Best Buddies at Pumpkin Give-A-Wey but left her notes at home, she will have more information at the next meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on December 13, 2017.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Christine Malloy  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

1/12/18