

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Whipple Senior Center
182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA 02191
December 13, 2017

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Minutes

PRESENT:

Lisa Jennings, Vice Chairman
Richard Johnson
Ron Evans
Linda Sera
John MacLeod
Andrea Feeney

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Kowalski, Recreation Department

NOT PRESENT:

Hank Goldman
Gerry Begonis

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

MINUTES

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of November 8, 2017 with changes sent over from Chairman Goldman. Ms. Sera SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADA COORDINATORS REPORT

Chairman Jennings stated the ADA Report only had one item on it this month.

Mediterranean Woods/Avana (apartments/condominiums)

-Access issues and accommodations –issue was resolved as of December 5, 2017.

Mr. MacLeod stated there will be a big report in February 2018 probably with a lot of closed projects from the fall.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairman Jennings stated they are meeting potentially next Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:30PM at McCulloch with updates regarding MSBA to consider an alternative configuration at Abigail Adams Middle School.

OLD BUSINESS

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL UPDATE from Hank & Ron

Mr. Evans stated on November 15, 2017 he and Mr. Goldman met with Dawn from South Shore Hospital for an escorted walk through. There is NO exit other than through the Emergency Room Doors after 8:00PM. Mr. Evans says the issue is now resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

BEACH WHEELCHAIR

Mr. Brian Kowalski, Recreation Department

Mr. Kowalski from Recreation Department joined the COD meeting to let the committee know the town has acquired a handicap beach wheelchair and he is in the process of trying to get a second wheelchair at Wessagusset Beach. The first wheelchair is at Lane Beach. It would be nice to have one at each beach. Now the question is how to get the word out to the people that can use the chair.

Some of the suggestions were:

- Sign up for use of the chair online (it implies there's more use of the wheelchair than there is)
- Ask the Weymouth Channel to video the use of the chair
- Ask WETC to film the New Year's Day Polar Plunge and get someone to use the chair
- Also get a list of all parks and all ADA equipment and accessible features at each park and let's get all this information posted to the town's site so families can search for accessible parks and fields; also link this information to COD's website.

WINTER FARMER'S MARKET

Chairman Jennings stated this is beginning at the end of January and is to be held at Chapman Middle School. Chairman Jennings tabled the discussion on this topic as COD is not participating in the Winter Farmer's Market as of now.

MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF DISABILITY MEETING

Chairman Jennings stated on December 6, 2017 Ron and Hank attend the meeting. Mr. Evans said it was a good meeting; lots of information.

SEPAC

Chairman Goldman was not present, so no report on SEPAC.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on January 10, 2018.

The next SEPAC meeting will be held on the 1st Tuesday in January at 7:00PM at Abigail Adams Library.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



CHAIRMAN

Lisa Jennings, Vice Chairman

Dated:

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