

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
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September 17, 2014
Minutes

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PRESENT:

Lisa Jennings, Chairman
Richard Johnson
Hank Goldman
Gerry Begonis

NOT PRESENT:

Ron Evans
Francesco Hladysz

Chairman Jennings called the September 17, 2014 meeting of the Commission on Disabilities to order at 7:00PM.

COD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Chairman Jennings stated the announcement has been posted with a due date of August 8, 2014. Chairman Jennings stated she received a letter from Linda Sera stating her son might be interested in joining the committee.

MINUTES

Mr. Goldman made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of May 21, 2014. Mr. Johnson SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ms. Begonis made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of June 18, 2014. Mr. Johnson SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

Chairman Jennings stated she believes that the Commission on Disabilities, over all, should have more information during the planning states of town projects and further requests that the ADA Coordinator, Sue McDonough advise the Commission on Disabilities in advance when these meetings will take place so that, if possible, a COD member can be present during the development of town projects.

Chairman Jennings requests from ADA Coordinator a list of all funded projects and a broad summary of what the project includes.

REVIEW OF ACTIONS

2014 Accessible Community Service Awards:

- Stephen Doyle award recipient allocated his donation to Salute Military Golf Association

- Greg Walsh award recipient allocated his donation to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Boston
- Weymouth Elks - Special Needs Committee award recipient allocated their donation to Prom Angels
- Belinda McGuire award recipient allocated her donation to the Weymouth Food Pantry
- Dr. Avi Schachter of Harbor Medical Associates award recipient allocated his donation to the Weymouth Food Pantry

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Chairman Jennings stated a request for support has come into COD from Nicholas Ames a Boy Scout from Troop 9. He is looking to do a project of replacing a walkway at Pond Plain. The commission tabled a vote on this request until more information about the project can be obtained.

PUMPKIN GIVE-A-WEY DAY

Chairman Jennings stated she signed the commission up for a table at this year's Pumpkin Give-A-Wey Day. The commission already has handouts and goodies just need volunteers for the table. Chairman Jennings suggested the commission sell tickets at the event this year and the money can go to a charity of its choice.

HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Mr. Goldman stated there are four (4) new handicap parking spaces at Weymouth High School; additionally each time Mr. Goldman is at the high school those spaces are always occupied.

Mr. Goldman stated he is aware of issues at the new Cumberland Farms. The only handicap parking space is always blocked by a delivery truck. Mr. Goldman stated he spoke with the store owner/manager and they said they would look into having the parking lot repainted and moving the handicap spot.

ACCESS ALERT

Chairman Jennings advised commission members of an Access Alert that she receives via e-mail from Kessler McGuinness & Associates. They specialize in accessibility planning and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Fair Housing Act and other state and federal accessible design standards.

This months' newsletter reads as follows:

It is difficult to provide a fully accessible toilet room or stall when using the ADA Standard's minimum dimensions. Trash bins, dispensers, and baby changing stations often reduce the clear floor space or maneuvering space required at doors and fixtures. They can also be 'protruding objects' that are hazardous for people who are blind. In this photo, the toilet obstructs use of the dryer, and the dryer could be a 'head banger' for someone using the toilet.

If using the minimum dimensions, these items should be recessed into the wall. However, planning on recessed dispensers and trash bins can conflict with maintenance requirements for larger trash bins and dispensers, many of which are provided by suppliers. KMA recommends discussing what dispensers will be used and adjusting the size of toilet rooms and stalls to accommodate them. Kimberly Paarlberg, Senior Staff Architect at the International Codes Council has published excellent guidance on the installation of baby changing stations in accessible toilet rooms.

CONFERENCES

Chairman Jennings stated a very good conference is coming up at Independence College.

NEXT MEETING

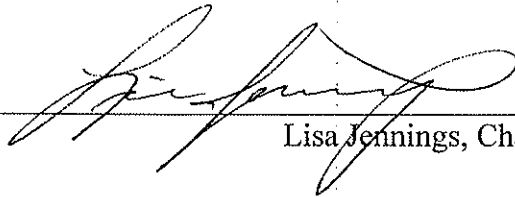
The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on October 15, 2014 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20PM, there being no further business the committee adjourned.

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Lisa Jennings, Chairman

Dated:

11-19-14