

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**Tufts Library, Butterfly Room  
April 20, 2016**

2016 MAY 19 AM 10:07

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Hank Goldman, Chairman  
Lisa Jennings  
Ron Evans  
Gerry Begonis  
Linda Sera

**NOT PRESENT:**

Francesco Hladysz  
Richard Johnson  
Andrea Feeney

Chairman Goldman called the meeting of the Commission on Disabilities to order at 7:00PM and stated sorry he was a minute late he just found out his Scout Master passed away.

**MINUTES**

Chairman Goldman tabled minutes to next meeting.

**ADA REPORT**

This month the ADA Report did not come from the ADA Coordinator but from John McCloud and read as follows:

*Good afternoon Sue*

*I am happy to tell you we have recently begun some of our spring upgrades. Thanks to the Mayors approval to again use the meals tax revenue we are able to do some much needed improvements on a couple of key parks and play grounds in town.*

*We have started renovation of Gifford Park in South Weymouth. We will be renovating the baseball playing field along with installing an accessible play structure with swings. In addition we are installing a new parking area with accessible parking and other necessary upgrades.*

*We have also begun a similar renovation to Humphrey Field on Lake St. where we are doing much needed repairs to the ball field, creating a small accessible park at one corner and installing a new parking area with accessible parking.*

*The administration has also put forward a measure to town council that on April 19, 2016 that has been referred to the budget management committee for the funding to continue the engineering and design of the memorial wall on Middle Street at the Ralph Talbot amphitheater next to Town Hall. These plans will include accessible upgrades to better serve our residents and visitors to the wall.*

*Thank you*

*John MacLeod*

### **SEPAC**

The last meeting's topic was about "transition from Abigail Adams to Chapman". This meeting was about "accessibility issues in Chapman". Mr. Goldman attended the meeting and their answer was there aren't any accessibility issues at Chapman.

At the next meeting the topic is "transition from Johnson/preschool to Kindergarten" the date of the meeting is May 3, 2016 and it will be held at the Abigail Adams Library.

### **AACSA**

Ms. Jennings stated she has not had time to look at this and will report back next meeting.

### **POLLING PLACES**

Mr. Evans stated he visited 7 out of the 10 polling places. Parking and accessibility were all fine except for at Abigail Adams and Seach; Mr. Evans would rate those two buildings C-.

Chairman Goldman stated he told Mayor Hedlund that he will personally take a civil rights action out on the janitor if actions don't change soon.

Ms. Begonis stated at least 10 years ago the town was fined for not being handicap accessible.

Ms. Jennings stated it is HUD money that the town is going to lose and HUD grant money.

Commission had discussion on how to make a public announcement that all polling places have Automark Machines and handicap parking available.

**NEW COD MEMBER – POOR ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Jennings stated a letter can be sent from Mayor Hedlund regarding poor attendance. Mayor can decide to appoint someone else to the committee. Chairman Goldman stated he has spoken to the mayor about this issue.

**COMMUNITY ACCESS MONITOR WORKSHOP**

Community Access Monitor Workshop in Randolph on May 18 and 19, 2016; anyone can attend, COD will reimburse the cost of the workshop.

**DSS MEETINGS - REAL LIVES STATUTE - SELF DIRECTED**

Workshops, all regarding Autism. Self-directed \$10 minimum wage, social security disability, \$65 per week.

**ADA COORDINATOR**

Issue with ADA Coordinator is not good; discuss at next meeting and bring to Mayor Hedlund's attention.

**NEXT MEETING**

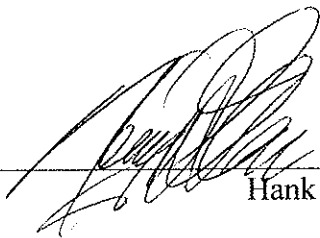
The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on May 18, 2016 at 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Christine Malloy  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

5/18/16