

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
McCulloch Building, Room #12
December 14, 2016

Minutes

PRESENT:

Hank Goldman, Chairman
Lisa Jennings
Richard Johnson
Ron Evans
Andrea Feeney
Gerry Begonis

NOT PRESENT:

Francesco Hladysz
Linda Sera
John MacLeod

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

MINUTES

Chairman Goldman tabled the minutes to the next meeting.

ADA REPORT

Back River Trail – adding a six car parking lot with one handicap parking space; the whole project is ADA compliant.

Farmer's Market – the Farmer's Market Steering Committee has compiled all data on the 2016 season. The Farmer's Market Steering Committee has completed a full evaluation of the market's performance in 2016. The Committee plans to undertake a vision process, and begin to make planning decisions between January and February.

Parking @ corner of Webb St. and Broad St.- complaint letter received from Elder Services regarding cars parked on the side of the street and on the sidewalk making it difficult to cross the street or see around the cars to pull out onto the main street.

Emery Estate – keep Commission on Disabilities posted on handicap parking at Emery Estate.

Robert Montgomery Thomas has told Chairman Goldman he filed a complaint regarding the handicap spaces at Town Hall. Chairman Goldman will follow up with the ADA Coordinator.

SEPAC (report)

Chairman Goldman stated this month’s meeting was about Basic Rights Seminar with Braintree. All bathrooms are locked during school hours, discussion.

WEYMOUTH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (report)

Ms. Jennings stated the latest update is that the topic of needing a new building/study of current building is moving along quickly. The Committee has developed a survey; haven’t figured out how to get it out to the citizens yet. Ms. Jennings sent the Chairman of the Committee the 2010 ADA Plan in which the Chapman Building is on the needs assessment.

Chairman Goldman stated he is curious how the town will reach out to the community; obviously it can reach the parents of the current students, but what about the other people in town without children in the schools.

ACCESSIBILITY AWARDS

Ms. Jennings stated no news as of now on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Jane Kudsey, Housing Coordinator
Housing Production Plan

Ms. Kudsey stated the Town needs to figure out what the Housing Production Plan need is in the Town, hire a consultant and assess the needs of the Town, get input from the community and then come up with goals. Smart growth goals, guide developers to proper building process will take 6-8 months.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/TRAFFIC ENGINEER

What are disability related needs?

Chairman Goldman suggested COD members all think up some good questions and put on Facebook to ask the community what do they feel are the disability related needs in Weymouth. For example:

- Audible lights at school intersections/crosswalks

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Sabadini

Ms. Sabadini asked why are the town meetings that are televised not captioned. Chairman Goldman suggested asking at WETC because they are the production company that televise the meetings.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held possibly on January 11, 2017 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:20PM. Mr. Evans SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:


