

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
McCulloch Building, Room 12
182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA
November 9, 2016

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Minutes

PRESENT:

Hank Goldman, Chairman
Lisa Jennings
Linda Sera
Ron Evans
Andrea Feeney
John MacLeod

NOT PRESENT:

Gerry Begonis
Richard Johnson
Francesco Hladysz

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

MINUTES

Ms. Jennings made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of September 14, 2016 with the following correction to the ADA Coordinators Report:

Mr. MacLeod SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ms. Sera made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of October 12, 2016. Mr. Evans SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADA REPORT

Chairman Goldman read the ADA Coordinators Report:

- Osprey Overlook Park – final design to be completed in 2-4 weeks
- Kibby Project – dedication held on October 26, 2016 at 11:00am.
- Union Point – relined their parking lot to make handicap parking spaces wide enough
- Farmer's Market- on 11/4/16 the town compiled data from a survey about this year's Farmer's Market. COD's opinions about the market this year:
 - Not accessible for vendors or customers
 - Number of elderly people at the market before the move to Legion was greater than after the move to Legion, probably because of the distance one had to travel to get to the market from their car
 - Anyone with breathing issues or walking issues didn't attend more than once
 - Distance from parking lot isn't good
 - The Town did a great job promoting the Farmer's Market this year.

Chairman Goldman stated he wants to make sure Ms. McDonough is including her work as ADA Coordinator in her monthly report so that everyone can see all the work that she is handling and the various issues she works to resolve each month.

SEPAC

Chairman Goldman stated no report this month as SEPAC is doing a combined meeting with Braintree this month. Next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at Fogg Library.

WEYMOUTH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ms. Jennings and Mr. MacLeod gave an update on the proceedings with the Weymouth School Building Committee. The next meeting is to be held next Thursday night, November 17, 2016 at 6:30pm. So far the committee has been on two walk throughs.

REPORT ON POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY AND EARLY VOTING

Ms. Jennings spoke with Kathy DuRec; she stated the AutoMark was used, way more people used accessibility features than the town thought it would. COD and Clerks Office are very pleased with the work they have done together. There is a need to change the early voting location; issues include:

- Privacy
- Location
- Use of AutoMark machine privacy
- Accessibility for disabled persons

For the next election a different location should be used for early voting. Town Hall was not a good location. Whipple Center is almost completely handicap accessible. John MacLeod says very soon it will be completely accessible.

Ms. Sera stated the Town Clerks Offices was amazing during the early voting days. Chairman Goldman agreed and added signage and AutoMark has been a huge improvement in the past year.

2017 OBJECTIVES

Chairman Goldman asked for committee members' objectives to focus on around town:

Ms. Jennings stated she would like to look at the parks around town and check exactly what their handicap accessibility features include. Mr. MacLeod stated some additional handicap features can be added to Legion Field.

Mr. MacLeod stated the Recreation Department is getting ready to post three positions one of them is for a permitting/scheduling/website running person; this person would be in charge of listing all the parks in town and its features on the town's website.

Mr. MacLeod stated Lovell Field at Pingree School is getting redone including; parking for Jackson Square, 2 ½ turf lighted fields, walking trails around the fields and all of this will be handicap accessible and include handicap parking.

Weston Park (behind the Tufts Library) the baseball field is going to be changed to a softball field.

Lane Beach is going to get the basketball court redone and a new play structure.

Ms. Jennings gave Mr. MacLeod information regarding Smile, an organization that sells beach wheelchairs. Mr. MacLeod stated he will share this information with Mr. Steve Reilly of the Recreation Department who will be very interested. Ms. Jennings asked if COD can invite Mr. Reilly to a future meeting.

COD on FACEBOOK

Ms. Jennings suggested the Commission on Disabilities pay \$5.00 per month to be on Facebook to share COD Facebook Page. Mr. MacLeod suggested Ms. Jennings email Shawn Rothman at srothman@weymouth.ma.us and ask him to make this happen for COD.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held possibly on December 14, 2016 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MacLeod made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:20PM. Ms. Jennings SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

