

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Whipple Senior Center
182 Green Street, Room 12
Weymouth, MA
February 8, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT: Hank Goldman, Chairman
Lisa Jennings
Richard Johnson
Andrea Feeney
Linda Sera
Gerry Begonis

NOT PRESENT: Ron Evans
Francesco Hladysz
John MacLeod

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Kudcey, Housing Coordinator

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

Chairman Goldman stated the ADA Report is a living report. These are the following updates to the living ADA Report:

- Back River Landfill Trail – has been awarded
- Farmer's Market – 2017 vision has been completed
- Complete Streets Project (will be of interest to COD) – large grant monies have been awarded to Weymouth and this should be a very positive program
- King Oak Hill (formerly Emery Estate) – landscape design has been awarded
- Wessagussett Boardwalk – has been funded; walkway between 2 beaches in North Weymouth
- Lovell Playground – turf fields have been approved; major enhancements included to lower Jackson Square area include in this proposal.

- Complaint: a complaint has come in about the lack of handicap parking at the mall where the new Precinct 10 Restaurant is located. The restaurant has been packed since it opened.
- No Official Complaint: Chairman Goldman stated no official complaint has been filed as of today from Mr. Robert Montgomery Thomas regarding the handicap parking at Town Hall.
- Complaint: Laura came to COD meeting a few months ago and mentioned the information such as minutes is available on the Town's website in a pdf format, but not readable on her computer. This information needs to be accessible for all persons.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (MARIA WESTON CHAPMAN)

Ms. Jennings stated the committee hired the Operations Project Manager (OPM). This hire starts the Feasibility Study. In the next two months they will hire the designer.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING @ MAYOR'S OFFICE 1/27/17

Chairman Goldman stated he had a meeting on January 27, 2017 in the Mayor's office with Sue McDonough, Ted Langill and Jeanne Savoy regarding the following items:

- Getting all COD members names on the COD website
- Making sure minutes read appropriately because it is a permanent record of minutes
- Ms. Jennings/Chairman Goldman suggest updating website with more resources (Ms. Jennings has the information)
- Ms. McDonough would like to be informed of information COD members find out ASAP and not find out about new information in the minutes.

Ms. Jennings suggested going through the ADA Transition Plan again soon. This will require needing someone to coordinate the assessment.

HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN

Ms. Jane Kudcey, Housing Coordinator
Planning and Community Development Department

Ms. Kudcey gave the committee an over view of the Housing Production Plan and an update on the status of the stage of the plan.

The Housing Production Plan will give needs in town:

- Goals and strategies
- Aging Baby Boomers
- Millennials

Ms. Kudcey is meeting with RKG Associates next week along with Bob Luongo to set up a group sub-committee that will meet for 6-8 months. Ms. Kudcey is looking for a volunteer from this commission to be on this sub-committee. Thinking it will be a day-time meeting; process will include making draft report and then get the word out to the general public. End process is (1) analysis of what to drive developer towards and (2) certain % of HPP as affordable, a safe haven from 40B.

Linda Sera volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

IDEA - FARMER'S MARKET - IDEA

Ms. Jennings suggested an idea; COD could buy a table for the year and have the table be for different groups each week. SEPAC one week; Best Buddies the following week, etc. Each group would be there to announce their group and what they do in the community.

COD will provide the tent, table, etc.

PARKS UPDATE

Mr. Reilly is unable to make tonight's meeting and sent this note to read to the committee:

Weymouth will be receiving a beach wheelchair through the SMILE Mass program. This will provide wheelchair accessibility to Lane Beach this summer. I will forward the details to the full commission.

Lovell project behind the Pingree School has been approved and we are currently in the process of awarding the contract. The plans for the buildout include a fully accessible playground in close proximity to the school as well as the walking paths. This is a significant upgrade to the current playground and an exciting addition to the school and Jackson Square neighborhood.

I had hoped to be able to attend tonight's meeting but I have had something come up and won't be able to attend. I apologize for the late notice. There were a few things I wanted to convey to the commission. I will forward full details on these as well as other projects currently in the works. Again, I am sorry for the late notice. Please express my apologies to the commission.

*Steve Reilly
Weymouth Recreation*

NEXT MEETING

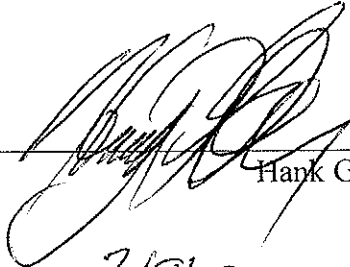
The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on March 8, 2017 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

3/8/17