

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Whipple Senior Center
182 Green Street, Room 12
Weymouth, MA 02191
January 11, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT:

Hank Goldman, Chairman
Lisa Jennings
Gerry Begonis
John MacLeod
Andrea Feeney
Linda Sera

NOT PRESENT:

Ron Evans
Richard Johnson
Francesco Hladysz

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

MINUTES

Mr. MacLeod made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of November 9, 2016 as amended; to include the wording "Chairman Goldman wanted to make sure Ms. McDonough's efforts and work is recognized each month." Ms. Begonis SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ms. Sera made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of December 14, 2016 with the correction; Ms. Begonis WAS PRESENT. Ms. Feeney SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADA REPORT

Chairman Goldman stated the ADA Report this month reported:

- Housing Production Plan has gone out to bid and proposals are due back today
- Fogg Library, study and design

Chairman Goldman stated Mr. Robert Montgomery Thomas stopped Chairman Goldman at Town Hall the other day and informed him that he was filing a complaint with Town Hall regarding the handicap parking at Town Hall.

While Chairman Goldman doesn't disagree with Mr. Montgomery Thomas' comments sometimes his methods are not always the methods the chairman would use. This committee has not heard of the official complaint as of today. The Town of Weymouth is aware that handicap parking is an issue at Town Hall. This issue is on the Master Plan.

SEPAC

Chairman Goldman stated SEPAC's meetings are always on the first Tuesday of the month. Last night's meeting was about Communications Presentation, the next meeting is on February 2, 2017 at the Tufts Library.

JAY O'BRIEN, "EXCEPTIONAL LIVES"

Ms. Jennings stated Jay O'Brien gives a presentation called Exceptional Lives. It's an overview on how to start the IEP process; it's really very good.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (MARIA WESTON CHAPMAN)

Mr. MacLeod stated the School Building Committee had a walk-thru with 14 potential candidates. There is an abundance of interest in this project.

PARKS UPDATE

Mr. MacLeod will come prepared next month with a park update, including Lovell Field.

Chairman Goldman stated that perhaps the Commission can work with Mr. Reilly to post a listing of all the accessible features at each park as work is completed that would be a great resource for the community.

PROM ANGELS – BEST BUDDIES

Chairman Goldman stated he will reach out to both organizations to see if COD can help.

NEXT MEETING

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

Chairman Goldman asked all members to please think about some topics to discuss for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sera made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:30PM. Mr. MacLeod SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

3/8/17
