

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Whipple Senior Center
182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA 02191
March 8, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT:

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

NOT PRESENT:

Gerry Begonis
Francesco Hladysz

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

MINUTES

Chairman Goldman stated Francesco Hladysz was not listed as absent on the January minutes.

Chairman Goldman stated he would like to have his comments worded so as not to be asking Mr. Reilly to do work for COD rather for COD and Mr. Reilly to work together to obtain parks ADA information; also from January minutes.

Ms. Feeney made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of January 11, 2017 with corrections listed above. Mr. MacLeod SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of February 8, 2017. Ms. Feeney SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADA COORDINATORS REPORT

Chairman Goldman stated this month's ADA Report lists a lot of projects in town that are ready "to do" when the weather breaks.

Chairman Goldman reported that Robert Montgomery Thomas did in fact file a complaint at Town Hall regarding the handicap parking or lack thereof. Chairman Goldman will perhaps have more information for the commission on this at next months meeting.

SEPAC

Chairman Goldman stated the topic this month was Meditation in Special Education.

Donna Peavey from SEPAC is present tonight. Ms. Peavey stated she is looking for a speaker for April at SEPAC. April is Autism Awareness Month.

Chairman Goldman stated the Boy Scouts are working on how to integrate students with autism into extra curriculum activities.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE – CHAPMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lisa Jennings – John MacLeod

There is a meeting tomorrow night.

Ms. Jennings stated they are working with Hill; the chosen company.

Mr. Johnson asked is there a way to “tie in ADA concerns with safety/police/building security”? Mr. Johnson stated it seems that building design always starts out with good intentions and then before the buildings open the entrances get bogged down with safety – police – security concerns. Which are all understandable; but then accessibility issues have gone out the window. Is there a way to make it all flow?

Mr. MacLeod stated that on this design plan the town is “getting all at the same time”.

PARKS UPDATE

Mr. MacLeod gave a park update with some information coming from Mr. Reilly.

Mr. MacLeod stated Mr. Reilly gave a conceptual plan for playground at Pingree.

Mr. MacLeod reported that Mr. Reilly called SMILE and SMILE will be giving Weymouth a beach wheelchair for this summer for use at Wessagusset Beach.

Mr. MacLeod stated he is in the design stages and reworking the site for better accessibility at the Ralph Talbot Memorial Wall Amphitheater. There are grading and slope issues currently. He hopes to start the work by June 1, 2017.

PROM ANGELS

Ms. Jennings made a MOTION to APPROVE a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to PROM ANGELS. Ms. Sera SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

FEDERATION CONFERENCE

Ms. Jennings stated she recently attended the Federation Conference regarding Civil Rights. Also attended conferences regarding Mass Options and Mass Rehabilitation; Support Youth with

Disabilities. If members would like to see her handouts/flyers from the conferences please get in touch with her.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held possibly on April 12, 2017 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Hank Goldman, Chairman

Dated:

4/12/17