

APPROVED

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
Tufts Library, Butterfly Room  
April 16, 2014  
Minutes

**PRESENT:**

Lisa Jennings, Chairman  
Richard Johnson  
Ron Evans  
Gerry Begonis

**NOT PRESENT:**

Hank Goldman  
Robert Conlon  
Francesco Hladysz  
Maria Flynn  
Susan Kelly-Luscombe

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Chairman Jennings called the April 16, 2014 meeting of the Commission on Disabilities to order at 7:00PM.

**REVIEW OF CHAIRMAN JENNINGS' MEETING WITH MAYOR KAY**

Chairman Jennings and Ron Evans attended a meeting with Mayor Kay earlier this month here is a list of the items discussed:

- Mayor Kay suggested sending a notice of enforcement of illegal parking campaign to all citizens in the next water bill.
- Handicap icon/new signage; Mayor Kay stated the town will go to DPW and get ideas on how they would address the changing handicap signs. Additionally, it was discussed the idea of having movable handicap parking signs to use for events in the town; Mayor Kay and Chairman Jennings will follow up on these two items and Chairman Jennings will report back at the next meeting with an update.
- Mitchell Field access issue; Chairman Jennings discussed this issue with Mayor Kay; Mayor Kay is aware of the issue with access at this field and will look into a remedy and Chairman Jennings will report back with the update.
- Handicap parking at Weymouth High School; parking lot is scheduled to be re-painted; Mayor Kay asked that Mr. Goldman write up his suggested handicap parking plan and submit it to Mayor Kay via Chairman Jennings.
- Disability Award Day is coming up soon; Chairman Jennings stated she would like to suggest the COD change the name of the award. Currently the ceremony is scheduled for June 16, 2014 at Town Council meeting. The nomination forms are available online. Goal tonight is to agree upon a new name for the award. Need approval for the press

release and expand to schools, each backpack, Town Council, seniors and SEPAC. SEPAC wants to do an annual award for professionals in special education.

- New name for award was chosen: Valued Community Service Award - its description is; recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution by providing and/or improving personal and community support for individual with a disability; including, but not limited to, providing independence through more choice, information and control, advocacy efforts, or improving the social participation of all people.
- ADA Report on Fogg Library has been completed. The town has gone through all proper channels and done all assessments to make sure the building is ADA compliant.
- Sue McDonough will post the COD agenda and post the date of all COD meetings.
- Beach access; beach chairs; mobi mats; storage; ramp; Mr. Goldman will suggest as an Eagle Scout project and COD can present it to Mayor Kay.
- Service related work with COD (Chairman Jennings spoke with Mayor Kay regarding this item and the topic was broken down into three categories as follows:
  - Paid internship - for a set term can be for a student or any town citizen who meets the guidelines
  - Community Service Hours - could be a lesser level of project from paid internship
  - Capstone Project for seniors at WHS - Mayor Kay suggested Jeanne Savoy will look into this a little more and report back to Chairman Jennings

### **PROM ANGELS**

Chairman Jennings stated the Prom Angels event was to be held on May 10, 2014; they sent a letter stating they were happy to have received the COD donation

### **NEXT MEETING**

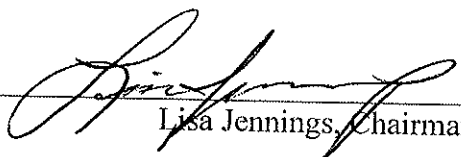
The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held on May 21, 2014 at 7:00pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:55PM, there being no further business the committee adjourned.

Christine Callbeck  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Lisa Jennings, Chairman

Dated:

  
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5/21/14