

APPROVED

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Tufts Library, Butterfly Room

January 15, 2014

Minutes

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PRESENT:

Lisa Jennings, Chairman
Richard Johnson
Hank Goldman
Susan Kelly-Luscombe

NOT PRESENT:

Maria Flynn
Ron Evans
Gerry Begonis
Robert Conlon

Chairman Jennings called the January 15, 2014 meeting of the Commission on Disabilities to order at 7:00PM.

OPEN COD MEMBER POSITION

Chairman Jennings stated there is still a seat open on the Commission; however Chairman Jennings is aware that Francisco Hladysz has submitted an application for the position. He is the person who has advocated for transition issues in Weymouth.

Chairman Jennings also stated that Robert Montgomery Thomas did not apply for the open seat on the commission as he stated he would. In addition regarding Mr. Thomas' issue with Papa John's; the Town was informed by the State that since Mr. Thomas' issue was brought to the Architectural Access Board Mr. Thomas needs to follow through with them.

ADA COORDINATOR REPORT/UPDATE

Mr. Johnson suggested that Ms. McDonough keep COD up to date on all ADA updates to buildings in town or on new buildings or remodeled buildings in town. In addition, she could formulate a listing of buildings in need of ADA updates; such as voting places. Also, could Ms. McDonough keep COD informed of meetings such as Capital Improvement Plan? In case there are items COD would like to include on the CIP.

Ms. McDonough has two updates for the committee this month:

1. Ms. McDonough will work with Jeff Dougan on the snow removal issue on Route 3A and together they are pressing the Department of Transportation
2. Ms. McDonough is also working on the Audible Alert signal on Route 18 near Starbucks with the Department of Transportation.

Additionally, Ms. McDonough reported that the elevator at Fogg Library has been completed and is installed and working.

WATERTOWN COD

Chairman Jennings stated Watertown COD did a study of the entire handicap parking locations and lack of proper parking signage and procedures and fines imposed. Also included in the study was an evaluation of all restaurants in the town and their handicap parking and accessibility. This is just something for this commission to think about.

MINUTES

Ms. Kelly-Luscombe made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of November 20, 2013 as amended. Mr. Johnson SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - PROM ANGELS

Chairman Jennings stated that the Prom Angels annual fund raiser is on February 15, 2014.

Ms. Kelly-Luscombe made a MOTION to SUPPORT a DONATION to PROM ANGELS in the amount of \$500. Mr. Johnson SECONED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Chairman Jennings stated she recently became aware of meetings held at the Tufts Library by Family Support Group for Family/Guardians of children with special needs; they meet at the Tufts library on the third Tuesday of each month in the Butterfly Room.

FUTURE COD MEETINGS

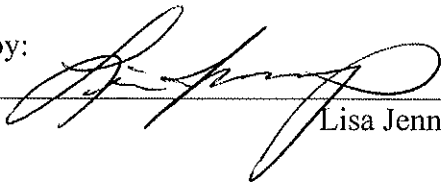
Mr. Johnson stated he would like to advocate for all future meetings of COD to be held at the Fogg Library because of the better handicap parking for COD's handicap members.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25PM, there being no further business the committee adjourned.

Christine Callbeck
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Lisa Jennings, Chairman

Dated:

3-19-14
