

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Whipple Senior Center
182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA 02191
June 14, 2017

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Minutes

PRESENT:

Hank Goldman, Chairman
Lisa Jennings, Vice Chairman
Richard Johnson
Ron Evans
Andrea Feeney
Gerry Begonis
Linda Sera

NOT PRESENT:

John MacLeod

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

MINUTES

Ms. Sera made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of April 12, 2017. Mr. Johnson SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

FARMERS MARKET

Ms. Sera stated Farmers Market at Union Point is every Sunday 10-1. She attended two weeks ago and it was very well attended but it is still not accessible.

Ms. Jennings stated COD could still sponsor a table/tent and COD banner for someone each week or even periodically to help promote causes and/or people in the town.

Ms. Jennings made a MOTION to APPROVE the EXPENDITURE of up to \$500 to establish a presence at Union Point Farmers Market. Mr. Evans SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADA COORDINATORS REPORT

- On June 20th 6:00-8:30pm there is to be a "Future of Housing in Weymouth" meeting.
- Request for variance on a 2-story building in Libbey Parkway; Chairman Goldman will be writing back to Sue McDonough in opposition to this request for variance.
- Back River Trail- on June 15th this project should be all wrapped up.
- Farmers Market is now at Union Point

- Sidewalk and Intersection Work – is being done all over town.
- Webb/Broad: complaint that cars are parked on the sidewalk, police are not ticketing these cars for some reason
- Beach walkway and wall – this project has been approved and is going forward
- Weston Field – Steve Reilly reports that Recreation just received approval for a new access ramp to be installed at Weston Field. Weston Field in the field behind Tufts Library. Currently there is no access to the spectator viewing area, after completion the ramp will provide not only access to the spectator viewing but also the walking path.
- Suggest to Mayor Hedlund that Weymouth get Commonwealth Connect like Braintree www.Braintreema.gov/connect

SEPAC

Chairman Goldman stated he did not attend the meeting this month. The next SEPAC meeting is to be held on the first Tuesday in October; SEPAC has selected their new officers.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ms. Jennings reported the meetings were held on June 6th in the AM and PM hosted by Hill International the Project Manager.

OLD BUSINESS

HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN

Ms. Sera stated the sub group will be sending out a survey. The reports show the number of students in the town is down. Reports also show people seem to only want single apartment construction. Discussion. The elderly may need a caretaker to live with them and sleepover in their own room; so COD disagrees with report regarding single apartments.

EVENT – BEACH ACCESSIBLE WHEELCHAIR

Chairman Goldman stated don't know the exact date yet (sometime during the week of June 26th) but the town wants to hold an acceptance of the beach wheelchair event at the beach with WETC, newspapers and photographers and would very much like COD present at the event.

REVIEW PAST YEAR

- Voting; committee got a lot of work done at polling stations

- Progress at schools: would like to revisit this topic with Paul Comerford leaving the town the town has lost a lot of progress. COD would like a tour of the schools to see what the accessibility is in all schools.

OPEN SEAT ON COMMISSION

Chairman Goldman announced Mr. Hladysz is no longer on the commission as he doesn't live in Weymouth any longer. There is now an open seat on the commission if anyone knows of someone looking to get on this board please ask them to submit a letter to Mayor Hedlund.

NEXT MEETING

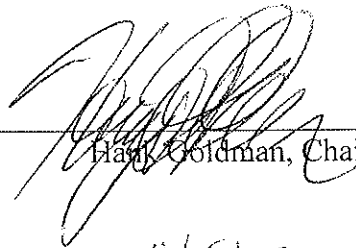
The next meeting of the Commission on Disabilities will be held possibly in September 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sera 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:

11/8/17