

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
APRIL 11, 2016 MINUTES**

<u>In Attendance</u>		
Board members:		
Barbara Tennison, Crystal Evans-Pradhan(remotely), Robin Torpey, Jennifer Shaw, Judy Coletta.		
ADA Coordinator:	Kristen Zechello	
Town Council Representative:	Not in attendance	
Meeting Opened:	6:07 PM	Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 PM
Prior Months Minutes:	March 7, 2016 Motion to approve 3-1-1	
March Phone Calls Received:		
Phone call from Darlene @ Children & Family Service regarding services for a client. Referred call to Kristen Zechello to reply.		
Budget: HP Parking Fines Revenue as of 4/11/16: Not available at this time.		

Town Buildings

Transition Plan: ADA Coordinator, Kristen Zechello stated that all school's interiors have been inspected by Kristen & Russ Forsberg. The Flaherty & the high school are the only ones that the exteriors have been completed.

Town Hall/Old Thayer Library: Due to the architect leaving the firm, architectural firm is in the process of hiring a new architect.

Daugherty Gym: Plans & cost estimates have been forwarded to the Mayor's office.

Braintree Athletic Complex: Plans are at a stand still due to parking space concerns. Interior & exterior recommendations from the commission were sent to the attorney's office back in February, still awaiting feedback. Public Hearing to be held on May 10th.

Town Parks & Recreation

Conservation Land access at Eaton Pond: Tabled

Parks & Recreation protocol for repairing park equipment & surfaces: All parks and park equipment are typically checked in the fall. Forte Landscape was hired to address any problems that need to be addressed regarding equipment and ground repairs. M.E. O'Brien & Sons is the distributor for the playground equipment.

SeeClickFix App.: The app. is available, but town employees have not been trained on the new software.

Snow Removal Update: A new Highway Director will be replacing Tom Whalen upon his retirement. Bob Campbell is the interim Director.

Home Aid Project: Barbara & Kristen will work on proposal

Streets & Roads

Engineering/ \$10M Capital Plan: Kristen has the list of which streets/roads are to be re-done this year. The COD needs to be diligent in working with the highway department in reporting any concerns.

Miscellaneous

Advertising of HP funds: Kristen will write up an article for the Braintree Forum & the BELD's monthly advertisement.

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi/Uber/MBTA: No update

Social Media Campaign: Barbara recommended writing a monthly column

Marshall's Department Store Complaint: Nothing has changed & problem is now has extended to Michaels. Kristen will follow up.

Polling Locations/Elections:

Kristen spoke with Jim Casey, Town Clerk to address the issues that the commission and Kristen observed at various polling locations on Primary Day.

New

Community Preservation Funds-Affordable Housing: 1 % of homeowners real estate taxes are deposited quarterly into the Community Preservation Fund

Parks & Rec.- the article in Patriot Ledger week of March 21, 2016 advertising trips to D.C. and Mohegan Sun was missing information regarding the availability of an accessible bus. Kristen will address this with Nelson Chin.

Water Wheels @ Sunset Lake: Discussed ideas on how to advertise the availability of the water wheels once the summer season begins, i.e. advertise in paper, take pictures for Face book and utilize Next door

MA C.O.D. Networking Meeting: Barbara & Kristen will be attending meeting on April 27 at the Mass. School of Law in Andover.

Fair Housing Workshop, Braintree Town Hall 4/28/2016: Open to all.

Thayer Library Trustees meeting, March 21, 2016: Kristen attended the meeting with the library director and trustees and discussed hiring a consultant to perform an accessibility evaluation for the building, i.e. interior, exterior, access to all equipment, books etc.

Autism Awareness Day-April 4, 2016: Discussion on how to promote disability awareness for ALL disabilities. Per Barbara Tennison, an event like this segregates disabilities.

300 Granite St (Former Fidelity Bldg.): Exterior automatic door openers not working again. Kristen will follow up with the management company.

NEXT MEETING MAY 2, 2016 – FLETCHER HALL