

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
JUNE 6, 2016 MINUTES**

Board Members:
Present: Barbara Tennison, Crystal Evans-Pradhan, Lynn Vaillancourt,
Not in Attendance: Judy Coletta, Robin Torpey, Jennifer Shaw
ADA Coordinator Present: Kristen Zechello
Town Council Representative: Not in attendance
Meeting Opened: 6:05 PM Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM
Prior Months Minutes: May 5, 2016: review of minutes postponed till 7/11/16 meeting
June phone calls received: None
Budget: HP Parking Fines Revenue as of 4/30/16: \$40,872.55 5/31/16: Discrepancy – no balance, need to check with Ed Spellman who is on vacation for 2 weeks eff. 7/11
ADA Coordinator Position: Vote for FY 17 salary motion delayed till July 11, 2016 meeting

Town Buildings

Transition Plan: Kristen stated that she received a request to check on the Highland School Playground regarding accessibility. Kristen will be working with the town's Building inspector(s) and Parks & Rec. to make sure all playgrounds' equipment, surfaces and routes in and around equipment are accessible. Barbara & Kristen will be visiting playgrounds throughout the summer months including school playgrounds to inspect them as well.

Town Hall/Old Thayer Library: There are no changes in the plans. Plans were sent to all town department heads to review. Kristen forwarded the COD's recommendations to the planning board for review as well.

Daugherty Gym: No update

Braintree Athletic Complex: The complex/parking lot was on the agenda for public discussion for the Planning Board Meeting which was to be held June 14th, is now re-scheduled to a future unknown date

Thayer Library: Follow up to the Trustees meeting on March 21, 2016 for the hiring of a consultant to evaluate the library with respect to access: interior, furniture, contents, equipment, books, bathroom, conference rooms, counters and exterior of building

Town Parks & Recreation

Conservation Land access at Eaton Pond: Barbara will contact Kevin Bears

Parks & Recreation: Kristen spoke with Nelson Chin regarding installing accessible portable toilets where portable toilets are now installed. Nelson stated that they will be installed.

SeeClickFix App.: Target date is 6/1/2016

Snow Removal Update: Tabled until September 2016

Town Parks & Recreation Cont'd

Parks & Rec.: Kristen spoke with Nelson regarding notices being published regarding Parks & Rec trips and that the notices are randomly missing the information for accessible transportation availability

Water Wheels @ Sunset Lake: COD will advertise availability with a column and ads on BCAM, Forum, Ledger, Facebook.

Streets & Roads

Engineering/ \$10M Capital Plan: Streets/roads,curb cuts and ramp repair and repaving will be starting in the spring. Kristen asked that the board be cognizant of the work being done throughout the town and if you see something that doesn't look right, let Kristen know.

Miscellaneous

Advertising of HP funds: Kristen will create an ad for B-Cam

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi/Uber/MBTA: No update

Social Media Campaign: Discussion will continue

Marshall's Department Store Complaint: Kristen will follow up

Community Preservation Funds-Affordable Housing:

Kristen will research to find out how much money is set aside for affordable housing, what projects have been completed throughout the town utilizing these funds since its inception, and what is the current balance?

Mass. Fallen Heroes Event & Town Hall, May 14th – is there a handout on rules and regulations for events held on town property that includes “accessibility in around events”?

Discussion on resident in crisis – does the town have anything in place to assist a resident in crisis?

NEXT MEETING JULY 11, 2016 – FLETCHER HALL

(BT 6/21/2016)