

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

<b>Board Members:</b>
<b>Present:</b> Barbara Tennison, Crystal Evans-Pradhan, Judy Coletta, Lynn Vaillancourt,
<b>Not in Attendance:</b> Robin Torpey, Jennifer Shaw
<b>ADA Coordinator Present:</b> Kristen Zechello
<b>Town Council Representative:</b> Not in attendance
<b>Meeting Opened:</b> 6:05 PM <b>Meeting Adjourned:</b> 8:00 PM
<b>Prior Months Minutes:</b> May 5 <sup>th</sup> & June 6 <sup>th</sup> review of minutes postponed till September 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting
<b>July phone calls received:</b> None
<b>Budget:</b> HP Parking Fines Revenue as of 6/30/16: <b>\$45,897.55</b>
<b>ADA Coordinator Position:</b> Chairperson motioned to approve FY17 salary for ADA Coordinator. All board members present unanimously voted to approve the motion.

**Town Buildings**

Transition Plan:

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 to be held June 14<sup>th</sup>, discussion was cancelled and no future date was proposed.

Thayer Library: No update regarding the status 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.

Schools – Kristen & Russ will be inspecting each of the schools over the summer.  
Morrison school complaint: Entry way to the lower level is located at the back of the school with access down a steep ramp (very dangerous). There is no other accessible entrance to the lower level of the school.

**Town Parks & Recreation**

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

Parks & Recreation: Throughout the summer months all parks and recreation areas will be inspected by the ADA Coordinator & Building Inspector.

SeeClickFix App.: No update

Snow Removal Update: Tabled until September 2016

### **Streets & Roads**

Engineering/ \$10M Capital Plan: KZ will check with Bob Campbell to find out what streets/roads are being re-done and whether or not this includes sidewalks, curb cuts and ramps.

### **Miscellaneous**

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

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi/Uber/MBTA: No new information for the state of MA, Uber is rolling out the use of accessible transportation in other states, i.e. AZ

Social Media Campaign: Discussion will continue

Marshall's Department Store Complaint: Kristen will continue to check on the store regarding the complaints of carts blocking access on shared sidewalk.

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?

Kristen is working with various town departments in creating a booklet/handout for rules and regulations for events held on town property that will include "accessibility in and around events".

**NEXT MEETING SEPT. 6, 2016 – JOHNSON CHAMBERS**

**(BT 9/04/2016)**