



TOWN OF MILFORD
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
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On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at the Milford Senior Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by H. Rhodes, Chairman.

Members Present: Harold Rhodes (Chairman), Demetra Edwards, Susan Clark, Fran O'Neill, Julie Gonzalez, Margaret Myatt, Jennifer Walsh and Teresa Graceffa. A quorum of the membership was in attendance.

Members Unable to Attend: D. DeBartolomeis

Guests in Attendance: Mike Nicholson, Tom Andruskevich, and Tony Ferreira.

Membership: The Commission has no vacancies. T. Andruskevich has resigned after many dedicated years of service for the residents of Milford through his work with the commission. Tom was recognized by the commission for his twenty-two years of dedication with a plaque designed for him. The commission wishes him the best and he will be missed.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on May 20, 2015 accepted unanimously as written on a motion by J. Walsh and seconded by F. O'Neill.

Treasurer's Report: The following balances were reported General Fund Account \$1130.00; Revolving Account \$2,082.84; and Gift Account \$0.00; Louisa Lake Platform Gift Account Balance: \$0.00. The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously on a motion by D. Edwards and seconded by J. Gonzalez.

M. Myatt moved and T. Graceffa seconded that the Commission spend an amount of up to \$1,100 for one handicap accessible bench to replace the stolen bench from the bike path. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Annual Elections:

H. Rhodes will continue as Chairman, J. Walsh will serve as Vice-Chairman, D. Edwards will continue as Secretary, and J. Gonzalez will serve as Treasurer. The positions were accepted unanimously on a motion by T. Graceffa and seconded by S. Clark.

Correspondence:

The MA Office on Disability has submitted a request for H. Rhodes to send them contact information for each of the commission members. H. Rhodes will provide email addresses only.

Accessibility – Business:

- a. Brief discussion regarding all matters of accessibility/business continue to be work in progress.
- b. The commission discussed the issue of the Milford Regional Medical Center and how to proceed as the issue progresses.
- c. H. Rhodes – Brian Murray is now the delegate to the MWRTA.
- d. June business accessibility update – See attached document for full listing.
- e. M. Myatt and D. Edwards – Accessibility Enhancements to Milford Upper Charles Trail. D. Edwards will gather information for a Braille Sign. D. Edwards and M. Myatt will create an audio tour for people with vision impairment for a portion of the trail. Options for guide wires for benches near the accessible fishing pier will be explored. M. Myatt will continue to explore how to make the bike path website more accessible. Additional accessible benches will be purchased for the Louisa Lake portion of the trail. Possible signage including an accessible symbol will be explored for the Route 85 exit on Rt. 495. Mile markers on

the surface of the bike path will be painted with a bright color.

- f. H. Rhodes – As per R. Villani, the stairs at the town hall will be marked as recommended by D. Edwards this summer.

New Accessibility Program:

- a. H. Rhodes will complete a quarterly report.
- b. M. Myatt will manage the MCOB website.
- c. H. Rhodes will work on the Disability Awareness Day with Tony Ferreira with a prospective date of 4/30/16,
- d. Principal Business License Review: H. Rhodes will create and distribute a list of businesses from last year at the next meeting.
- e. Equal Access for medical facilities and offices: a discussion took place regarding a possible event in the spring of 2016 to offer educational awareness to medical facilities.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 7:00p.m. at the Milford Senior Center.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Demetra Edwards

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Secretary

CC: Board of Selectman
Department of Inspections
Town Accountant