



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of January 25, 2011

On Tuesday, January 25, 2011, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mike Nicholson, Chairperson.

Present: Ann O'Connor, Mike Nicholson, Fran O'Neill, Demetra Edwards, and Tom Andruskevich

Unable to Attend: Charles Hince, Patricia Luchini, and Dino DeBartolomeis

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of November 16, 2010, were reviewed. A. O'Connor moved to accept the Minutes; D. Edwards seconded the Motion. Minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Revolving account balance of \$1,442.16, reflects a donation in the amount of \$25.00 from staff at Annie Sullivan Middle School in Franklin, in Memory of Devon Wood. Community Activities Gift account balance of \$145.00, and the Town account balance of \$955.01. T. Andruskevich moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; D. Edwards seconded the Motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Memorandum from L. Celozzi requesting MCOB's annual report for inclusion in Town's Annual Report; December 15, 2010, Memorandum from L. Celozzi to all Dept. Heads, seeking list of FAQ's for inclusion on Town website; DCR Winter Newsletter; State Ethic Comm. Conflict of Interest Memorandum; Notice from Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, seeking applications for membership on District Consumer Advocacy Councils; Letter from B. Murray dated January 7, 2011, inviting MCOB members to attend meeting of Community Fields Committee during which landscape designer will be present.

Review of Current Projects:

(a) **Accessibility-Businesses:** 1) Cedar Street Market, 100 E. Main St: MCOB received an email complaint regarding accessibility issues at this location. M. Nicholson confirmed the problems and sent a memorandum regarding same to Loriann Braza-Pallaria at the Inspections Department. Mike will follow up with her; 2) Medical Facilities List/Survey: No change

(b) **Site and Building Plan Reviews:** M. Nicholson will re-review plan for modifications to Dunkin Donuts on Main Street in view of concerns that the work, as completed, appears not to be consistent with the approved site plan and raises accessibility concerns.

(c) **Town Accessibility:**

1) **Youth Center:** M. Nicholson and A. O'Connor met with Director Jim Sanchioni on January 25, 2011. Jim reported that the lift has been used approximately twelve times since it was installed. It was noted, however, that the Highway Dept. has plowed snow onto the lift and into the HP space that abuts it. Jim has raised this with Scott Crisafulli, who promised to correct the problem. Jim reported that a plan to modify an existing bathroom to make it accessible has been stalled since it was determined that the floor is comprised of asbestos tiles. He invited Mike and Ann to attend a meeting of the Youth Commission to discuss the issue. Jim also agreed to share with MCOB his expertise regarding grant-writing.

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- 2) Crossing Chirpers: D. Edwards, T. Andruskevich, and M. Nicholson will contact Mike Santora and seek to review plans for the Route 16 improvement project, to ascertain whether provision was made for crossing aides. D. Edwards continues to seek a hard copy of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- 3) Library: D. Edwards continues to attempt to make contact with library staff to discuss material access concerns.
- 4) Upper Charles Trail: No Change.
- 5) Sidewalk Obstructions: a) (i) Rtes. 140 and 16 near hospital (hedge): M. Nicholson notified Inspections Department that while hedge was cut back, it was not enough to make sidewalk accessible. Mike will follow up with L. Braza-Pallaria; (ii) Rtes. 140 and 16 near hospital (signals): T. Andruskevich will follow up with Mike Santora. b) E Main St-Prairie St-Quarry Sq: Deferred. c) Rte. 16 across from Sacred Heart, Signals: This will be addressed when the state makes improvements to Rte. 16. d) Sumner St. near Granite St, across from St. Mary's: Deferred. f) Claflin near Blaire House: Resolved with assistance from Scott Crisafulli. g) Rte. 16 E. Main St. near Pago Pago: T. Andruskevich will contact Mass Dept. of Transportation. i) 21 Claudette Dr: Deferred. j) Milford Common Sidewalk: Awaiting response from L. Braza-Pallaria.
D. Edwards raised concerns about the slope of a curb cut between the Police Station and Milford National Bank. A. O'Connor noted that sidewalk at Gibbons Ave and West Spruce St. appears to be inaccessible due to placement of mail and newspaper boxes.
- 6) Milford Emergency Shelter: No change.
- 7) Milford Housing Authority: Non-accessibility of laundry room at Fairfield Court continues to be a problem. M. Nicholson and D. DeBartolomeis met and Dino suggested that MCOD reach out to Rep. John Fernandes or attend a meeting of MHA to seek a resolution.
- 8) Parks Department parking: Deferred.
- 9) High School Fields: M. Nicholson will attend meeting of Community Fields Committee.

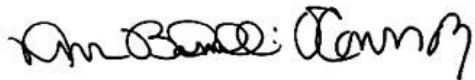
(d) HP Violation Signage: No change.

(e) Disability Awareness: MCOD is included on the new Town of Milford website and has the following email address: cod@milfordma.com.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Milford Town Hall.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Balmelli O'Connor
Secretary

REF: Project Worksheet (1 p.)

CC: Board of Selectmen (4 copies)
Department of Inspections (1 copy)