



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of February 22, 2012

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 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 M. Nicholson, Chairperson.

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

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

Attending as a guest: Alice M. Knowlton

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of January 17, 2012, were reviewed. D. Edwards moved to accept as written, A. O'Connor seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Main Account balance \$1,007.02. Revolving Account balance is \$1,421.86. A. O'Connor moved to accept the Treasurer's report, D. Edwards seconded. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: 1) M. Nicholson reported that MCOD input to the Town of Milford's Annual Report has been submitted; 2) M. Nicholson read a notice that the annual Town Meeting will be held on May 21, 2012. MCOD has no articles on this warrant.

Review of Current Projects:

(a) **Accessibility-Businesses:** 1) Medical Facilities/List, Survey: no change; 2) License Renewal/List, Survey: no change; 3) 21 Claudette Drive: lack of curb cut and access to HP parking at Rolling Green Apartments; M. Nicholson had a discussion on January 19, 2012, with D. DeBartolomeis.

(b) **Site and Building Plan Reviews:**

1) Phase III Upper Charles Trail: M. Nicholson reported he attended the February 3, 2012, meeting of the Board of Selectmen to discuss signage and construction of two accessible rest areas on the Phase III of the Upper Charles Trail; M. Nicholson followed up with a letter on February 13, 2012, to Town Administrator L. Celozzi, detailing the request for the rest areas. The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the letter as written; then M. Nicholson attended the Milford Planning Board meeting on February 21, 2012, to support the request and answer any questions; PB Chair Patrick Kennelly indicated the Board would probably include MCOD's requests in the requirements.

(c) **Town Accessibility:**

1) **Youth Center:** Accessible rest room, no change
2) **Crossing Chirpers:** Awaiting Route 16 improvements
3) **Louisa Lake:** M. Nicholson attended the February 3, 2012, meeting of the Board of Selectmen to describe the need for a fishing platform at Louisa Lake for use by all individuals including those with disabilities; M. Nicholson will follow up.

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(c) Town Accessibility (cont'd):

- 4) Library: Accessible equipment at the library; D. Edwards sent a letter on January 24, 2012, to Library Director, S. Edwards, regarding low cost suggestions for increasing accessibility at the library for blind or visually impaired patrons.
- 5) Upper Charles Trail: See (b) 1 above.
- 6) Parks Department Parking: RE addition of more HP spots at the Upper Charles Trail; T. Andruskevich will follow up in the spring.
- 7) Milford Housing Authority: A. O'Connor was informed by Sean Riley of Senator Moore's office that the request has been accepted and funds put into the budget to purchase a ramp to make the laundry facility building at Fairfield Court accessible; installation by the Milford Housing Authority is expected in the spring.
- 8) Sidewalk Obstructions: b) E Main St-Prairie St-Quarry Sq: new curb cuts and other alterations are needed: M. Nicholson to follow up; e) Cars blocking sidewalk near Milford Police Station; M. Nicholson will send a note to Chief O'Loughlin; j) Milford Common Sidewalk: M. Nicholson to follow up in the spring; k) W. Spruce St/Gibbons Ave: (mail box and news box encroachment) M. Nicholson will pursue; m) Crosswalks on Winter Street: (need curb cuts): A. O'Connor to send a note to S. Crisafulli; p) Purchase St (sidewalk between Greenleaf Terrace and Pete's Market is narrow and not level): M. Nicholson will take pictures and follow up; s) Problem with flags hanging too low over the sidewalk in front of business establishments: AAB regulations require a clearance of at least 80 inches; T. Andruskevich surveyed Main Street and found no violations between Draper Park and Town Hall; D. Edwards said she had noticed there was a low hanging flag at a business further down Main Street; T. Andruskevich will alert the Inspections Department; some HP fine signs were missing on Main Street and T. Andruskevich will notify S. Crisafulli to replace them; v) Check curb cuts at crosswalk at Routes 109 and 16: M. Nicholson will follow up.
- 9) High School Fields: M. Nicholson reported no change.
- 10) Draper Park Ramp: M. Nicholson will follow up.
- 11) Fino Field Pool Renovations: M. Nicholson will follow up.
- 12) Proposed Playground at Fino Field: D. Edwards and/or M. Nicholson will try to attend a meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012, of the group trying to build a playground at Fino Field to ensure it is accessible.

(d) HP Violation Signage: no change.

(e) Disability Awareness: T. Andruskevich reported that he received an e-mail from R. Bonnell, the web master for the Town of Milford's web site, stating he would add the Disability Indicator Form to the web page of the Commission on Disability and notify us when complete.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Room 14, Milford Town Hall.

Adjournment: A. O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting; D. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas Andruskevich
Secretary

Ref: Project Worksheet

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