



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of April 17, 2012

On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by M. Nicholson, Chairperson.

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

Members Unable to Attend: Charles Hince, Theresa Calcagni, Dino DeBartolomeis, Patricia Luchini, and Fran O'Neill.

Attending as a guest: Alice M. Knowlton

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of March 20, 2012, were reviewed. No quorum, no vote.

Treasurer's Report: Main Account balance is \$1,007.02. Revolving Account balance is \$1,421.86. No vote was taken due to lack of a quorum.

Correspondence: None.

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 at Rolling Green Apts; M. Nicholson will follow up with Building Inspector, 4) Sunbridge/Milford Care and Rehab Center: M. Nicholson referred accessible parking issues to Inspections Dept.

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

1) 196 E. Main St: building is accessible at three entrances; parking lot has knocked-down and missing HP signs; M. Nicholson requested that 1 or 2 HP spots closer to the entrance.

(c) **Town Accessibility:**

1) **Youth Center:** no change

2) **Crossing Chirpers:** no change

3) **Louisa Lake:** Improved access to the lake for fishing by all, including individuals with disabilities; M. Nicholson waiting for architectural plans from M. Santora; request for funding may be made at the October Town Meeting.

4) **Library:** Accessibility at the library; D. Edwards will bring brochures from Perkins School Talking Books Library to the Town Library to be made available to library patrons.

5) **Upper Charles Trail:** Tactile warning plates on the trail near Friendly's are falling apart; M. Santora said they will be replaced by Mass DOT; local Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project contacted M. Nicholson to get MCOD input on constructing a kiosk on the trail near CVS that would be accessible; D. Edwards met with the Scout and provided guidance; M. Nicholson sent memo to L. Celozzi about expanding the parking and improving access at Louisa Lake, including paving and grading at the lower level kiosk; L. Celozzi replied in a memo dated 3/29 that the Board of Selectmen will support these improvements.

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(c) Town Accessibility (cont'd):

- 6) Parks Department Parking: Addition of more HP spots at the Upper Charles Trail; T. Andruskevich reported that M. Bresciani said that he will be meeting with the Park Commissioners about parking issues.
- 7) Milford Housing Authority: Purchase of a ramp to make the laundry facility building at Fairfield Court accessible; installation by the Milford Housing Authority is on schedule for the spring; A. O'Connor will follow up and also seek a tenant at Birmingham Court to request that a ramp be installed to make the laundry facilities there accessible.
- 8) Sidewalk Obstructions: b) E Main St-Prairie St-Quarry Sq: new curb cuts and other alterations are needed: M. Nicholson to follow up; d) Rte 140 & Water St Intersection Renovation: M. Nicholson waiting on M. Santora; e) Cars blocking sidewalk near Milford Police Station; no violators noticed recently; j) Milford Common Sidewalk: completed; 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 will monitor; p) Purchase St (sidewalk between Greenleaf Terrace and Pete's Market is too narrow and is 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 reports that two out of three violations have been corrected; T. Andruskevich will notify the Inspections Department about the one remaining violation; more HP fine signs on Main Street are now in compliance; v) Curb cuts at crosswalk at Routes 109 and 16: M. Nicholson and A. Knowlton will check again and report back.
- 9) High School Fields: M. Nicholson sent note to Brian Murray expressing concern that a proposed brick walkway around the concession stand could present a problem for individuals with disabilities; B. Murray replied he would present our concerns to the architect.
- 10) Draper Park Ramp: MCOD will once again rent a portable ramp to provide access to the WW I Memorial; T. Andruskevich will issue press releases to local media to alert the public.
- 11) Fino Field Pool Renovations: T. Andruskevich said M. Bresciani will send the plans to MCOD for review when he gets them from the architect.
- 12) Proposed Playground at Fino Field: M. Nicholson will try to attend the next meeting 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 R. Bonnell, web master for the Town of Milford's web site, has added the Disability Indicator Form to the MCOD web page; T. Andruskevich will try to get publicity in local media about the availability of Voter Assist Terminals at each polling place in Milford in time for the fall elections.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Room 14, Milford Town Hall (corrected 6/19/12).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Andruskevich
Secretary