



## MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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### Minutes from the Meeting of April 19, 2011

On Tuesday, April 19, 2011, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCD) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mike Nicholson, Chairperson.

**Members Present:** Ann O'Connor, Mike Nicholson, Fran O'Neill, Demetra Edwards,

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

**Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting of March 15, 2011, were reviewed. There being no quorum, no vote to accept was taken.

**Treasurer's Report:** Revolving account balance is \$1,442.16. Town account balance is \$955.01. There being no quorum, no vote to accept was taken.

**Correspondence:** There was no official correspondence to the Commission.

**Other:** (1) T. Calcagni received an email from a person who was seeking assistance in obtaining services for a nineteen-year-old girl who is homeless and legally blind. D. Edwards will discuss some options with Theresa or the person. (2) M. Nicholson emailed Rep. J. Fernandes to urge level funding for Independent Living Centers. Rep. Fernandes replied that he supported and was working toward that goal.

### **Review of Current Projects:**

(a) **Accessibility-Businesses:** 1) Cedar Street Market, 100 E. Main St: M. Nicholson will review accessibility progress with A. DeLuca; 2) Dunkin Donuts: M. Nicholson will discuss the disparity between the site plan and the site with A. Deluca; 3) Medical facilities list, Survey: no change; 4) License renewal list, Survey: no change.

(b) **Site and Building Plan Reviews:** None.

### (c) **Town Accessibility:**

- 1) **Youth Center:** On April 11, M. Nicholson and A. O'Connor attended a meeting of the Youth Center Commission. That Commission agreed to investigate the possibility of students from Blackstone Valley Tech. modifying a first floor restroom. A. O'Connor will follow up with J. Sanchioni to determine whether any progress has been made.
- 2) **Crossing Chirpers:** No change.
- 3) **JAWS/Library:** D. Edwards, M. Nicholson and a client of Demetra's met with S. Edmonds on March 24, 2011, and discussed available technology and methods that would increase accessibility at the library. Sue will consider how the recommendations fit with the Capital Improvement Committee's 5-year plan and whether to seek funds at the October 2011 Town Meeting. Demetra will follow up with Sue again.
- 4) **Upper Charles Trail:** M. Nicholson noted newspaper articles regarding a fitness circuit that might be constructed near the trail, and the Milford Playground Initiative. MCD to consider addressing the responsible parties about ensuring accessibility.
- 5) **Parks Department parking:** no change.

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(c) Town Accessibility, cont'd:

- 6) Milford Housing Authority: A. O'Connor received an email from S. Riley of Sen. Moore's Office on April 14, 2011. Sean was told by P. Morrill of MHA that the construction advisor from the Dept. of Housing Community Development determined that his office is able to make the laundry facilities at Birmingham and Fairfield Courts accessible. Pat needs one resident from each of the developments to submit a reasonable accommodation request. A. O'Connor will contact Pat to determine whether specific forms must be used.
- 7) Sidewalk Obstructions: a) (i) Rtes. 140 and 16 near hospital (hedge): no change; (ii) Rtes. 140 and 16 near hospital (signals): In response to a request from T. Andruskevich that the town undertake temporary measures to widen the sidewalk, M. Santoro stated that the town lacks jurisdiction over that intersection. b) E Main St/Prairie St to Quarry Sq: M. Nicholson reported that the sidewalk is in poor shape c) Rte. 16 across from Sacred Heart, Signals: M. Nicholson has obtained the final plans for the Mass DOT project that will correct the problems at this intersection. d) Sumner St. near Granite St, across from St. Mary's: M. Nicholson will make a site visit. e) Rte. 16 E. Main St. near Pago Pago: J. Frawley advised T. Andruskevich that DOT will move the signal post closer to the sidewalk. f) Milford Common Sidewalk: M. Nicholson will address in his meeting with A. DeLuca. g) W. Spruce St/Gibbons Ave: M. Nicholson will make site visit. h) F. O'Neill noted that there are two new crosswalks on Winter Street that do not have curb cuts.
- 8) Milford Emergency Shelter: no change.
- 9) High School Fields: J. Dougan, Mass Ofc on Disability, advised M. Nicholson that the current fence design does meet the AAB requirements. Mike will seek to ensure that the fabric that ultimately is used allows for optimal viewing conditions.
- (10) Draper Park Ramp: AmRamp will install the temporary ramp before May 26, 2011, and will remove it after June 1, 2011. M. Nicholson will send a letter to the Finance Committee via the Board of Selectmen, requesting that funds be committed for plans to construct a permanent ramp to the plinth of the monument.

(d) HP Violation Signage: No change.

(e) Disability Awareness: T. Andruskevich is working with Robert Bonnell to migrate information from MCOD's library-based website to the new town website.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Milford Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** A. O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting; D. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Balmelli O'Connor  
Secretary

CC: Board of Selectmen (4 copies)  
Department of Inspections (1 copy)  
ATTACH: Project Worksheet (1 p.)