



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of May 17, 2011

On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mike Nicholson, Chairperson.

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

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

Minutes: Minutes from the meetings of March 15, 2011, and April 19, 2011, were reviewed. By separate motions, D. Edwards moved to accept the minutes and T. Andruskevich seconded the motion. By separate and unanimous votes, the minutes from the two meetings were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Reports of April 19, 2011, and May 17, 2011, were presented. Both reports showed the following: Revolving account balance of \$1,442.16. Town account balance of \$955.01. By separate motions, T. Andruskevich moved to accept the reports and A. O'Connor seconded the motion. By separate and unanimous votes, the two reports were accepted.

Correspondence: 1) MCOD received an invitation to appear before the Board of Selectman on June 6, 2011, to update the Board regarding its activities. M. Nicholson and T. Andruskevich will appear and make a presentation to the Board. 2) MCOD received an email from Jeff Dougan regarding a proposed change to the statute that governs the allocation of HP parking violation fees between municipalities and their Commissions on Disability.

Review of Current Projects:

(a) **Accessibility-Businesses:** 1) Cedar Street Market, 100 E. Main St: the accessibility issues at this site appear to have been resolved; 2) Dunkin Donuts: On May 12, 2011, M. Nicholson met with L. Braza-Pillaria to reiterate MCOD's concerns regarding HP parking issues at this site; 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:** A. O'Connor contacted J. Sanchioni to determine whether any progress had been made toward the Youth Commission's stated goal of seeking assistance from Blackstone Valley Technical High School regarding modifications to a first floor restroom. Jim responded that he did not contact the school due to concerns about asbestos tile flooring in that room. M. Nicholson will follow up.
- 2) **Crossing Chirpers:** no change
- 3) **Library:** no change
- 4) **Upper Charles Trail:** M. Nicholson made a site visit and determined that the problematic drop-off area was addressed, but not in the most effective manner. Mike also reported that M. Santora has notified Mass DOT that the surface-mounted tactile plates at the trail crossing for Route 109 at Friendly's Restaurant are unacceptable and should be replaced with installed plates.

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(c) Town Accessibility, cont'd:

- 5) Parks Department Parking: T. Andruskevich sent an email to M. Bresciani, asking that the number of HP spaces near the footbridge at Fino Field be increased.
- 6) Milford Housing Authority: Re the inaccessible laundry facilities at Fairfield and Birmingham Courts: T. Andruskevich contacted P. Morrill regarding the form for a reasonable accommodation request. Pat told Tom that no particular form is required, but that the request must be made in writing by a tenant of each facility. M. Nicholson will research the locating of a tenant willing to make the required request at each facility.
- 7) Sidewalk Obstructions: a) (i) Rtes. 140 and 16 near hospital (hedge): since the sidewalk remains inaccessible, L. Braza-Pillaria will send a letter to the homeowner regarding additional trimming; (ii) Rtes. 140 and 16 near hospital (signals): After seeking assistance from the Town and Mass DOT, T. Andruskevich reported that no action is planned in the foreseeable future. b) E Main St-Prairie St-Quarry Sq: MCOD is assessing for possible action c) Rte. 16 across from Sacred Heart, Signals: M. Nicholson and D. Edwards obtained copies of the plans for Mass DOT's project and are assessing for recommendations regarding this location. d) Sumner St. near Granite St, across from St. Mary's: M. Nicholson made a site visit and was unable to determine location of problem. e) Rte. 16 E. Main St. near Pago Pago: J. Frawley met with T. Andruskevich at the site and agreed that DOT will move the signal post closer to the sidewalk so that the control button will be accessible. f) Milford Common Sidewalk: M. Nicholson will address with L. Braza-Pillaria. g) W. Spruce St/Gibbons Ave: MCOD is assessing for future action. h) Crosswalks on Winter Street: MCOD is assessing for future action.
- 8) Milford Emergency Shelter: no change
- 9) High School Fields: no change
- (10) Draper Park Ramp: On May 17, 2011, M. Nicholson contacted D. DeBartolomeis regarding the letter MCOD will send to the Finance Committee, through 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: T. Andruskevich will review inventory with L. Braza-Pillaria.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 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 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Balmelli O'Connor
Secretary

REF: Project Worksheet

CC: Board of Selectmen
Department of Inspections