



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of June 19, 2012

On Tuesday, June 19, 2012, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOB) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by M. Nicholson, Chairperson. M. Nicholson announced that Ann O'Connor had submitted her resignation from the Commission. Her resignation was accepted at the Selectmen's meeting on June 5, 2012.

Members Present: Mike Nicholson, Demetra Edwards, Fran O'Neill, Theresa Calcagni, and Tom Andruskevich.

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

Guests: Kevin Rudden, ADA Coordinator, Town of Mendon

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of March 20 and April 17, 2012, were reviewed. D. Edwards moved to accept March 20 as written and April 17 with "next meeting" corrected to read May 15; seconded by T. Calcagni. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Main Account balance \$31.71. Revolving Account balance \$1,421.86. T. Andruskevich moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by F. O'Neill. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Correspondence:

- (a) Memo from Town Administrator, L. Celozzi, dated April 20, 2012, regarding procurement
 - (b) Memo from Town Accountant, Z. Taylor, regarding FY2012 year-end information
 - (c) Handbook for all Town Commissions and Committees written by L. Celozzi
 - (d) Information from Mass Rehab Comm regarding a Home Modification Program that provides low interest loans to make homes accessible; loans are repaid when the property is sold.
 - (e) Weiss memo regarding HP signs and differences between town and state regulations;
- D. Edwards and T. Andruskevich agreed to research Milford by-laws.

Election of Officers: In compliance with MCOB By-Laws, the following officers were elected unanimously for the next fiscal year:

Chair: M. Nicholson (Nominated by T. Andruskevich, seconded by D. Edwards)

Vice Chair: D. Edwards (Nominated by T. Andruskevich, seconded by T. Calcagni)

Treasurer: T. Luchini (Nominated by D. Edwards, seconded by F. O'Neill)

Secretary: T. Andruskevich (Nominated by D. Edwards, seconded by T. Calcagni)

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 Apartments; per memo from Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli, the building owner has agreed to install a curb cut. Scott has requested approval for a "Pick-up/Drop-off No Parking" sign; 4) Sunbridge/Milford Care and Rehabilitation Center: (Lack of HP signage & van accessible space, M. Nicholson met with J. Erickson and L. Braza-Butts on May 1 and will follow up; 5) 1 Maple Street: memo from L. Dunkin re blocked sidewalk; originally identified by MCOB in 2009; M. Nicholson will follow up.

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(b) Site and Building Plan Reviews:

- 1) 196 E. Main St: parking lot had knocked-down and missing HP signs; M. Nicholson reported that the problems have been corrected.
- 2) 154 E. Main St: original site plan provided one HP spot; M. Nicholson asked that plan be changed to include two HP spots, one being van accessible; architect changed the plan.
- 3) 120-128 Medway Rd: M. Nicholson requested some changes but also reported that the architect had done an exceptional job in providing detail to comply with ADA regulations.

Note: Kevin Rudden, ADA Coordinator for Mendon, attended the Commission meeting to seek input regarding access issues with municipal buildings in his town.

(c) Town Accessibility:

- 1) Youth Center: M. Nicholson will follow up
- 2) Crossing Chirpers: No change
- 3) Louisa Lake: Access to the lake for fishing by individuals with disabilities; M. Nicholson reported that estimates have come in for \$227,000 to add a fishing platform and \$171,000 to add additional parking; The Board of Selectmen has been supportive. Grants and other resources will be sought to help defray the cost.
- 4) Library: Accessible equipment at the library; D. Edwards brought brochures from Perkins School Talking Books Library to the Town Library to be made available for patrons.
- 5) Upper Charles Trail: D. Edwards met with a local Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project to discuss placement of an accessible kiosk on the trail near CVS; M. Nicholson reported that someone wants to donate a bench for a rest area on the trail; he sent a memo to the Friends of the UCT; M. Nicholson and T. Calcagni will serve on a committee to apprise the Friends of the UCT on what the Commission would like to see to make the trail more accessible.
- 6) Parks Department Parking: Addition of more HP spots at the Upper Charles Trail; T. Andruskevich waiting to hear from M. Bresciani.
- 7) Milford Housing Authority: Purchase of a ramp from AMRAMP to make the laundry facility building at Fairfield Court accessible; installation by the Milford Housing Authority is on schedule for the spring; M. Nicholson 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: a) Commemorative Impressions in Sidewalks as part of historical walk to honor Milford author of *Little Engine that Could*: M. Nicholson sent memo to S. Crisafulli regarding possible difficulties for individuals with disabilities; Scott did not see a problem since impressions will be only ½" deep; b) E Main St-Prairie St-Quarry Sq: new curb cuts and other alterations are needed: M. Nicholson is working on this; d) Rte 140 & Water St Intersection Renovation: M. Nicholson reports that he is waiting to see site plan; e) Cars blocking sidewalk near Milford Police Station; no violators noticed recently; will continue to watch; k) W. Spruce St/Gibbons Ave: (mail box and news box encroachment) M. Nicholson will follow up; m) Crosswalks on Winter Street: (need curb cuts): M. Nicholson 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 regs 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 and will check one new violation.
- 9) High School Fields: (proposed commemorative brick walkway around the concession stand) M. Nicholson expressed concerns with B. Murray.

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(c) Town Accessibility (cont'd):

10) Draper Park Ramp: MCOB once again rented a portable ramp to provide access to the WW I Memorial for Memorial Day; T. Andruskevich reports good press coverage in local media to alert the public; MCOB has received plans for a permanent ramp.

11) Fino Field Pool Renovations: T. Andruskevich waiting for plans for MCOB to review when M. Bresciani gets them from the architect.

12) Proposed Playground at Fino Field: M. Nicholson reports the group trying to build a playground at Fino Field is taking steps to ensure it is accessible.

13) Woodland Parking: M. Nicholson sent note to L. Dunkin re parking lot expansion to ensure compliance with ADA regulations; J. Erickson will follow up.

(d) HP Violation Signage: no change

(e) Disability Awareness: T. Andruskevich will try to get publicity in local media about the availability of Voter Assist Terminals at each polling place in Milford before the fall elections; T. Andruskevich will issue a press release about the election of new officers for the Milford Commission on Disability.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Room 14, Milford Town Hall.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM on a motion by D. Edwards, seconded by T. Calcagni.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Andruskevich
Secretary

Ref: Project Worksheet

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