



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of June 21, 2011

On Tuesday, June 21, 2011, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Mike Nicholson, Chairperson.

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

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

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of May 17, 2011, were reviewed. D. Edwards moved to accept the minutes, T. Andruskevich seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: M. Nicholson reported Revolving Account balance at approximately \$1,442.16. and Town Account balance at \$0. No motion on treasurer's report.

Correspondence: 1) MCOD received notice of a Consumer Involvement Conference sponsored by Mass Rehab. M. Nicholson will attend with D. DeBartolomeis. 2) M. Nicholson sent an email to Chief of Police T. O'Loughlin, thanking the MPD for their efforts in enforcing HP parking rules. The Chief acknowledged the email and thanked Mike for taking the time to express MCOD's gratitude. 3) On June 6, 2011, M. Nicholson and T. Andruskevich attended a meeting of the Board of Selectmen and updated the Board about MCOD's work and activities during the past year.

Annual Election of Officers: Chair – T. Andruskevich nominated M. Nicholson to serve as Chair. A. O'Connor seconded the nomination and the election was effected by unanimous vote. Vice Chair – T. Andruskevich nominated D. Edwards to serve as Vice Chair. A. O'Connor seconded the nomination and the election was effected by unanimous vote. Treasurer – A. O'Connor nominated T. Luchini to serve as Treasurer. D. Edwards seconded the nomination and the election was effected by unanimous vote. Secretary – A. O'Connor nominated T. Andruskevich to serve as Secretary. D. Edwards seconded the nomination and the election was effected by unanimous vote.

Review of Current Projects:

(a) **Accessibility-Businesses:** 1) Dunkin Donuts: no change; 2) Medical Facilities/List, Survey: no change; 3) License Renewal/List, Survey: no change.

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

(c) **Town Accessibility:**

- 1) **Youth Center:** M. Nicholson will contact P. Seaver to discuss standstill on project to create accessible restroom.
- 2) **Crossing Chirpers:** no change
- 3) **Library:** S. Edmonds informed D. Edwards that she requested from the Capital Improvement Committee funding for projects including accessible furniture, improved HP parking, and accommodations for persons with vision impairments.
- 4) **Upper Charles Trail:** a) D. Edwards has been unable to reach M. Myatt to follow up on the recommendations she and M. Nicholson made in their presentation to the Friends of the Trail. b) Demetra spoke with Dr. T. Palmer who is involved with plans to develop a (accessible?) fitness circuit along the Trail. c) Dr. Palmer said that a playground planned for Fino Field under the "Milford Playground Initiative" will be accessible. d) Jacob B., a student from the Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter School, contacted M. Nicholson about a plan

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(c) Town Accessibility, cont'd:

to add bushes or a fence at the end of the previously-identified and partly-remediated drop off. Mike shared information with Jacob and asked that he keep MCOD informed on progress of his project.

5) Parks Department Parking: M. Bresciani promised to follow up with T. Andruskevich about the number of accessible parking spaces at the Town Pool trail access area.

6) Milford Housing Authority: Re inaccessible laundry facilities at Fairfield and Birmingham Courts- In his televised address to the Board of Selectmen, M. Nicholson asked that any resident who would be willing to make a reasonable accommodation request contact him. D. DeBartolomeis suggested a particular resident of Birmingham Ct. A. O'Connor reported that S. Riley of Senator Moore's office indicated that he would examine whether requests from residents are legally required.

7) Sidewalk Obstructions: a) Rtes. 140 and 16 near hospital (hedge): waiting for an update from L. Braza-Butts; b) E Main St-Prairie St-Quarry Sq: MCOD is assessing for possible action; c) Rte. 16 upgrade: MCOD to verify some change details; d) Milford Common Sidewalk: M. Nicholson will address with L. Braza-Butts; e) W. Spruce St/Gibbons Ave: MCOD is assessing for future action; f) Crosswalks on Winter Street: MCOD is assessing for future action; g) Greenleaf Terrace area of Purchase St: It was reported that the sidewalk in the area between Greenleaf Terrace and Pete's Market is narrow and not level.

8) Milford Emergency Shelter: no change

9) High School Fields: B. Murray forward to M. Nicholson minutes of the HS Fields Committee's May 4, 2011, meeting. The committee felt that the HP parking is sufficient because there are an 'adequate number of HP parking spaces in the High School complex'. MCOD is concerned that the committee did not account for the location of the spaces in its assessment. As an example, members cited the distance from the HP spaces adjacent to Shining Star to the new field, which would be difficult for persons with disabilities.

(10) Draper Park Ramp: M. Nicholson sent D. DeBartolomeis a letter seeking support from the Board of Selectmen for MCOD's request that \$3850 be allocated for architectural and design services for a permanent ramp to the plinth of the monument.

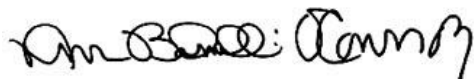
(d) HP Violation Signage: L. Braza-Butts informed T. Andruskevich that there are 12 signs in inventory at the Building & Inspections Department. This matched Tom's records.

(e) Disability Awareness: T. Andruskevich that the transfer from MCOD's library-based website to the town website is nearly complete.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Milford Town Hall.

Adjournment: A. O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting; T. Andruskevich seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Balmelli O'Connor
Secretary

Ref: Project Worksheet

CC: Board of Selectmen
Department of Inspections