



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of August 16, 2011

On Tuesday, August 16, 2011, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by M. Nicholson, Chairperson.

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

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

Attending as a guest: Alice M. Knowlton

Minutes: Minutes from the meetings of June 21 and July 19, 2011 were reviewed. A. O'Connor moved to accept the minutes and F. O'Neill seconded the motion. Minutes from both meetings were accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Main Account balance is \$1,088.00. Revolving Account balance is \$1,421.86. T. Andruskevich moved to accept the Treasurer's report and A. O'Connor seconded the motion. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: 1) MCOD received notice of the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 24, 2011, at 7:30 PM. Included in the warrant will be a request for appropriation for a study of the cost to add a permanent ramp to the WWI Memorial at Draper Park, 2) M. Nicholson sent an e-mail to Kevin Rudden in recognition of his appointment as ADA Coordinator for Town of Mendon, 3) M. Nicholson reviewed a memo from the federal government that stated that only dogs were recognized under the ADA as service animals, although state and local laws might differ. For example, in Massachusetts, monkeys may be recognized as service animals.

Review of Current Projects:

(a) **Accessibility-Businesses:** 1) Dunkin Donuts: M. Nicholson has recently been in touch with L. Braza-Butts about parking issues and this remains open; 2) Medical Facilities/List, Survey: no change; 3) License Renewal/List, Survey: no change; 4) 178 E. Main Street: M. Nicholson has referred concerns with sidewalk obstructions and lack of curb cuts to L. Braza-Butts.

(b) **Site and Building Plan Reviews:** 396 E. Main Street: M. Nicholson submitted feedback to the Planning Board regarding this site.

(c) **Town Accessibility:**

- 1) **Youth Center:** no change
- 2) **Crossing Chirpers:** no change
- 3) **Library:** D. Edwards will be meeting with Library staff in October.
- 4) **Upper Charles Trail:** D. Edwards will measure distance between posts on the trail and drop offs at the edge to make sure they are in compliance with ADA.
- 5) **Parks Department Parking:** M. Bresciani sent an e-mail to T. Andruskevich promising he would follow up about the number of parking spaces at the Town Pool near the UC Trail.

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(c) Town Accessibility (cont'd):

6) Milford Housing Authority: Re the inaccessible laundry facilities at Fairfield and Birmingham Courts- One party said they would be willing to submit a reasonable accommodation request regarding the laundry at Fairfield Court.

7) Sidewalk Obstructions: a) Rtes. 140 and 16 near hospital (hedge needs trimming): waiting for response from Inspections Dept.; b) E Main St-Prairie St-Quarry Sq: new curb cuts and other alterations are needed: M. Nicholson assessing needs; c) Rte. 16 Upgrade -Mass DOT Project 606142: tactile warning plates should be yellow and all crosswalks should have the plates; d) Milford Common Sidewalk: M. Nicholson to review with Inspections Dept.; e) West Spruce St/Gibbons Ave: (mail box and news box encroachment) M. Nicholson took pictures and will pursue; f) Crosswalks on Winter Street: (need curb cuts) A. O'Connor will contact S. Crisafulli; g) Greenleaf Terrace area of Purchase St: (sidewalk in the area between Greenleaf Terrace and Pete's Market is too narrow and is not level) M. Nicholson will take pictures and follow up. New: Vehicles partially blocking sidewalk at police station.

8) Milford Emergency Shelter: no change

9) High School Fields: M. Nicholson made a presentation to the HS Fields Committee on August 10, 2011, regarding handicapped parking at the high school fields. The committee had felt that the HP parking is sufficient because there are a number of HP parking spaces in the High School complex. M. Nicholson stated that the location of the HP parking is a key issue and recommended that 10 additional spots be designated near the NE entrance to the field or near the four spots closer to the field. The Project Manager agreed to work on an updated plan that would address HP spots.

(10) Draper Park Ramp: M. Nicholson said the Board of Selectmen are sponsoring a warrant for the Special Town Meeting on October 24, 2011, that would request an appropriation for an engineering study to make the Veteran Memorial at Draper Park permanently accessible.

(d) HP Violation Signage: no change

(e) Disability Awareness: no change

Mendon ADA Coordinator Kevin Rudden was introduced and requested help from the Milford Commission on Disability in getting a template to develop an ADA Transition Plan for his town.

A motion was made by A. O'Connor and seconded by F. O'Neill to appropriate \$100 for the purchase of office supplies for M. Nicholson. The motion was passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Milford Town Hall.

Adjournment: T. Andruskevich moved to adjourn the meeting; F. O'Neill seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Andruskevich
Secretary

Ref: Project Worksheet

CC: Board of Selectmen
Department of Inspections