



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of September 18, 2012

On Tuesday, September 18, 2012, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOB) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by M. Nicholson, Chairperson.

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 Attending: Harold Rhodes

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of August 21, 2012 were reviewed. D. Edwards moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by F. O'Neill. Minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Main Account balance is \$1,087.21. Revolving Account balance is \$6,421.86. T. Andruskevich moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by T. Calcagni. Motion was unanimously accepted.

New Member: T. Calcagni moved that MCOB recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Harold Rhodes be appointed as a member. Motion seconded by D. Edwards, passed unanimously.

Correspondence: M. Nicholson received requested information from Community Legal Aid in Worcester, an organization that supports people who have issues about fair housing. MCOB may add a link to the web site for this organization.

Review of Current Projects:

- (a) **Accessibility-Funding Projects:** Discussion of ideas for applying donated funds from Rhodes Family to benefit the citizens of Milford included: 1) Accessible benches for the Upper Charles Trail; 2) Signage, including Braille, for the Upper Charles Trail; 3) Family picnic area on the trail that would be accessible; 4) Sign language interpreter or Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) system for use at Town Meeting.
- (b) **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, installation of which is now up to the management company; 4) Sunbridge / Milford Care and Rehabilitation Center: (Lack of HP signs in four locations) M. Nicholson to follow up with Inspections Dept; 5) 1 Maple Street: blocked sidewalk, M. Nicholson following up with Town Planner; 6) 160 West St: signage issue resolved; 7) 23 Main St: overgrowth on the sidewalk has been cut back, but enough? 8) Five Guys Restaurant at 9 Medway Rd: issue of sidewalk tables obstructing path of travel has been resolved; 9) Italian American Veterans Post: Non-skid surface needs to be added to the handicapped ramp to allow safer access to this polling place for individuals with disabilities; a "bump strip" should also be installed to prevent tripping on extension cord inside the voting area; 10) CVS Pharmacy on Medway Rd: HP sign is faded and illegible; will be referred to Inspections Dept.

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(c) Site and Building Plan Reviews: 1) 190 East Main (New area being developed): MCOD suggested that the ATM and drop box at the bank be made handicapped accessible, 2) Birch Street "Cornerstone" Assisted Living Facility; MCOD recommended additions to the site plan including accessible sidewalks to allow safe evacuation; appropriate parking, signage and vehicle stops; ADA compliant curb cuts; AAB-compliant surface textures.

(d) Town Accessibility:

- 1) Youth Center: Outside lift needs maintenance; M. Nicholson will get quote and MCOD will pay maintenance costs.
- 2) Crossing Chirpers: Nothing to report.
- 3) Louisa Lake: Access to the lake for fishing by individuals with disabilities; M. Nicholson reported \$17,500 will be requested at Town Meeting for engineering study and permits.
- 4) Library: No change.
- 5) Upper Charles Trail: 1) MCOD commented on a scout project to add a speed barrier on the trail near the Senior Center; 2) D. Edwards requested consideration for installing a support railing on the trail near the Senior Center.
- 6) Parks Department Parking: M. Bresciani sent an e-mail indicating he will add two HP spots at Fino near the Upper Charles Trail, and will check with the appropriate department about adding more HP spots at the trail entrance in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot.
- 7) Milford Housing Authority: T. Andruskevich will make a site visit to Birmingham Court to determine the need for a ramp to make the laundry facilities there accessible; will also need a tenant at Birmingham to make an official request.
- 8) Sidewalk Obstructions: a) USPS drive-up mailbox at Milford Post Office protrudes over the sidewalk: M. Nicholson will follow up; b) E Main St/Prairie St to Quarry Sq: new curb cuts and other alterations are needed: M. Nicholson will follow up; c) Howard & Main: bushes; M. Nicholson sent note to Inspections Dept; d) Rte 140 & Water St Intersection Renovation: Mass DOT reported design is not final regarding detectable panel and curb cut; e) Police Station: trucks blocking sidewalk; Chief said he will monitor the situation; f) Weeds on Rte 140 sidewalk again; g) Low hanging branches over sidewalk across from Sacred Heart Church; T. Andruskevich will monitor; k) W. Spruce St/Gibbons Ave: (mail box and news box encroachment) M. Nicholson will follow up; l) Milford Common: bushes encroach on sidewalk; D. Edwards will follow up; m) Crosswalk curb cuts on Winter Street: S. Crisafulli said he will do; 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 regulations require a clearance of at least 80 inches; T. Andruskevich will photograph and follow up with suspected violations; t) 190 E. Main St: sidewalk needs repair; S. Crisafulli said he will do.
- 9) High School Fields: Discussion of locked gate blocking access to HP spots and possible installation of signs on the street pointing to the HP spots near the field.
- 10) Draper Park Ramp: M. Nicholson reported the installation of the permanent ramp is awaiting delivery of the granite
- 11) Fino Field Pool Renovations: No change.
- 12) Proposed Playground at Fino Field: M. Nicholson has met with the committee and reports they have selected a supplier. The playground is supposed to be accessible.
- 13) Woodland School Parking Lot: Parking lot expansion will be monitored by F. O'Neill to ensure compliance with ADA regulations.
- 14) Town By-laws: question of town access laws vs. ADA Title II; T. Andruskevich sent e-mail to Town Counsel requesting clarification.

(e) HP Violation Signage: No change

(f) Disability Awareness: T. Andruskevich will contact the Webmaster for the Town web site and make changes in MCODE membership; will also get publicity in local media about the availability of Voter Assist Terminals at each polling place in Milford in time for the general election in November;

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Room 14, Milford Town Hall.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM on a motion by T. Calcagni, seconded by D. Edwards.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Andruskevich
Secretary

Ref: Project Worksheet

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