



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of September 20, 2011

On Tuesday, September 20, 2011, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by M. Nicholson, Chairperson.

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

Members Unable to Attend: Charles Hince, and Dino DeBartolomeis

Attending as a guest: Alice M. Knowlton

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of August 16, 2011, were reviewed. A. O'Connor moved to accept the minutes as amended to add Alice Knowlton as a guest, and T. Luchini seconded the motion. The minutes 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: None

Review of Current Projects:

(a) **Accessibility-Businesses:** 1) Dunkin Donuts: remains open; 2) Medical Facilities/List, Survey: no change; 3) License Renewal/List, Survey: no change; 4) 178 E. Main Street: remains open.

(b) **Site and Building Plan Reviews:** 396 E. Main Street (Hickey's Liquors): two HP spots added in response to input from M. Nicholson to the Planning Board.

(c) **Town Accessibility:**

- 1) **Youth Center:** no change
- 2) **Crossing Chirpers:** no change
- 3) **Louisa Lake:** Access to the lake for fishing by individuals with disabilities was discussed; a level, paved, safe area would be needed, or perhaps a platform for fishing; M. Nicholson is corresponding with D. DeBartolomeis about possible solutions.
- 4) **Library:** D. Edwards to attend capital budget meeting with Library staff in October.
- 5) **Upper Charles Trail:** D. Edwards measured distance between the posts on the trail and a drop off at the edge and found it is in compliance with the ADA.
- 6) **Parks Department Parking:** M. Bresciani notified T. Andruskevich that he would add more HP parking spaces at the Town Pool near the UC Trail and would replace missing HP signs.
- 7) **Milford Housing Authority:** a resident of Fairfield Court submitted a request for a reasonable accommodation to make the laundry facilities and the sidewalk accessible; Sean Riley of Senator Moore's office is following up.
- 8) **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: no change; d) General parking problem with cars parked partly on sidewalks

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(c) Town Accessibility (cont'd):

in Milford, e.g., Highland Street; members asked to monitor and take pictures; e) Cars blocking sidewalk near Milford Police Station; D. Edwards took pictures and M. Nicholson will follow up; j) Milford Common Sidewalk: M. Nicholson to handle; k) W. Spruce St/Gibbons Ave: (mail box and news box encroachment) M. Nicholson will pursue; m) Crosswalks on Winter Street: (need curb cuts) - A. O'Connor contacted S. Crisafulli who put this on his to-do list; 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.

9) Milford Emergency Shelter: no change

10) High School Fields: six accessible parking spots will be added closer to the field in response to M. Nicholson's request;

11) Draper Park Ramp: M. Nicholson said D. Bartolomeis will present a warrant at the Special Town Meeting on October 24, 2011, that will request an appropriation for an engineering study and improvements to make the Veteran Memorial at Draper Park permanently accessible.

(d) HP Violation Signage: no change

(e) Disability Awareness: D. Edwards authored an article that was published in the newsletter of the Orientation and Mobility Division of the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired that dealt with her experience providing input to the Mass DOT engineers responsible for the Rte 16 project; T. Andruskevich reported that R. Bonnell, the web master for the Town of Milford's web site, had migrated the remaining content from the Commission on Disability web page on the library server to the town server.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Room 14, Milford Town Hall.

Adjournment: D. Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting; A. O'Connor seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Andruskevich
Secretary

Ref: Project Worksheet

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